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NEWS OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL!

Mu-So-Lit Club Elects Officers for Ensuing Year—Moses Grant Lucas the New Leader of the Hosts

THE SCHOOL QUESTION GROWS IN BITTERNESS

Candidates Presented as Successors to Assistant Superintendent Bruce—Charges of Bad Faith Anent the Normal School Librarianship—The Bee Disgruntled over Certain Disappointments—Odd Fellows Complain About Change of Time of B. M. C. Meeting—Miss Clarice Jones Wins at Livingstone College.

By R. W. Thompson.

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Washington, D. C., Special.

At the annual business meeting of the famous Mu-So-Lit Club, held last Friday evening in the assembly room of the Y. M. C. A., the following officers were elected: President, M. Grant Lucas; vice-president, Frank A. Byron; corresponding secretary (fourth term), R. W. Thompson; recording secretary, James LeCount Chestnutt; financial secretary, A. Mercer Daniels; treasurer, Jay Williams Clifford. The executive committee will consist of all the officers (ex officio) and Judge Robert H. Terrell, Prof. Kelly Miller, A. C. Newman, Robert A. Pelham, G. Luther Sadgwar, Haley G. Douglass, with Edward H. Lawson as chairman. The contest for the presidency was a spirited one and the vote was close, but all ended well and there is general satisfaction over the result. Walter J. Singleton made a gallant race, and upon the announcement of the victory for Mr. Lucas, moved to make the election unanimous. Prof. Kelly Miller placed Mr. Lucas in nomination in a masterly speech and Mr. L. M. Hershaw performed a like service for Mr. Singleton. Resolutions were adopted, extolling the virtues and affective labors of the late Attorney, James F. Bundy, secretary of the Howard Law School, and a former member of the board of education. The committee reporting the resolutions was made up of Prof. Kelly Miller, chairman; Roscoe Conkling Bruce, secretary; Judge Robert H. Terrell, L. M. Hersham, James A. Cobb, George William Cook, and Shelby J. Davidson. Steps are being taken to fittingly observe the tenth anniversary of the club. The Mu-So-Lit Club has a national reputation and is made up of 100 of the race's most representative men, typifying the best spirit of the many sections from which they hail. It has had as guests and speakers some of the foremost characters of contemporaneous history, colored and white.

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The School Fight Grows In Bitterness.

The school fight grows in bitterness and scarcely a day passes that some new phase of the situation is not exposed to view. The sentiment for a change in the administration is widespread and it seems to be only a question of time when the authorities yield to the popular demand and name a successor to Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce. Supt. E. L. Thurston is fully conversant with all the details and has long known of the universal dissatisfaction of the rank and file of the colored citizens. He will act at the proper time and in the way that promises best for the schools as a whole. Those who favor a change in the assistant superintendency are not slow about bringing out candidates. Some of the persons mentioned as "likely" material are E. C. Williams, now principal of M Street High School; N. E. Wetherless, a teacher in the high school; and Hugh M. Browne, formerly connected with the local system, but for years principal of the Institute for Colored Youths at Cheyney, Pa., and Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, once a highly effective member of the board of education. Prof. Richard T. Greener, formerly of the Washington schools, is spoken of, as is also Prof. W. B. Matthews, of Louisville, Ky., who went there from Atlanta and succeeded admirably in untangling just such a Gordian knot as now afflicts the people of this city. Some are of the opinion that only an outsider, free from local factionalism, can fill the bill satisfactorily.

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Trouble Over "That Librarianship."

The librarianship of Myrtilla Miner Normal School is a "bone" that has caused no end of contention—and the matter is still in the air. An examination was held and seven persons entered the lists for the place. Supt. Thurston, said to have suspected an effort to make a "frame-up" of some kind, retained the examination questions until the morning of the examination, coming to the room in person and producing the mysterious papers from his inside pocket. Nobody passed and the librarianship is still vacant. The struggle has engendered strife from the Soldiers' Home to the Potomac and it is said that estrangements have been engendered in more than one group of erstwhile friends on account of the "shiftiness" of certain prominent individuals connected with it and the reckless promises made as to the bestowal of the position. The editor of the Washington Bee, regarded as a stanch friend of Mr. Bruce, seems to have "flown the coop," as the last issue of The Bee discusses the school question vigorously and brings out a host of candidates for Mr. Bruce's place, although a week or so ago it gave out the surprising statement that "the newspaper is no place to try the school question." Sore over the librarian situation, The Bee says: "The most serious investigation that Superintendent Thurston is now conducting is the recent struggle over the vacant librarianship, and if the facts come out as they have been presented to Mr. Thurston, the most diabolical piece of treachery and slander will be exposed." It will be seen that there are elements here that bid fair to cause a "scrap."

The case of Miss Fay Hershaw and the other young ladies involved in the kindergarten investigation is in the superintendent's hands and it is said that a decision has been reached, the tenor of which will be given to the public in a few days. Congress is besieged with requests for a thorough investigation of the school situation, and the outlook for some drastic housecleaning is bright. The people are insisting that something be done to restore confidence in the school administration, and they are indifferent as to who is helped or hurt by the exposure of the facts.

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Odd Fellows Do Not Approve of Change of B. M. C.'s Meeting Time.

Washington's thirty lodges of Odd Fellows are unanimous in their objection of the "half-baked legislation" (this is the term they use), which brings about a change in the time of the meeting of the B. M. C. from the second Monday in September to the second Monday in August. As the 1916 session of the B. M. C. is to be held here, the attitude of the local branches of the order is especially significant. The Odd Fellows' Journal, discussing the new law, says:

"Manifestly, this is out of gear with and irreconcilable with existing law in at lease two very important particulars."

The Journal points out that it is a physical impossibility for the propositions passed at the various lodges in April to be gotten to headquarters, printed and distributed to lodges within the two months; and, again, it is shown that under the old and unrepealed law the auditors are required to meet on the third Monday in August to examine and approve the various accounts to be audited, thus making the auditors meet after the B. M. C. to audit accounts on which a report is required to be made a week before they meet. Other absurdities are pointed out by the watchful editor of the Journal. The matter is to be brought to the attention of the S. C M. this week.

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Washington Girl Wins at Livingstone College.

Miss Clarice Jones, who graduated with high honors from the Conservatory of Music in connection with Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y., and whose test recital exceeded in quality and attendance all that had gone before it at this classic institution, is in charge of the musical department of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., and is making a record that reflects great credit upon both herself and Zion's foremost center of learning. She is splendidly equipped for the work in hand and is enthusiastic over the bright possibilities she sees for the young people of the south in the field of music, where their natural aptitude for melody and rhythm give them a margin of advantage not fully understood by northerners. Miss Jones' talent as a pianist has been so widely extolled in and about Salisbury that she is often engaged as an "extra added attraction" for the big society functions given by the wealthiest families of the city. Miss Jones is the daughter of Counsellor and Mrs. Thomas L. Jones, and is conceded to be one of the finest products of young womanhood that Washington has contributed to the work of the race in the Southland and enjoys a popularity and personal appreciation richly earned by sheer merit and untiring helpfulness.

The News In Tabloid.

W. H. C. Beckett is "making good" as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Under his painstaking administration the membership is being steadily enlarged and the revenues show an increase each month over preceding months.

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A. C. Jackson, who won honors as class orator at Harvard College, is now engaged in Y. M. C. A. work and spent last week in the city attending the annual meeting of the international secretaries and Y. M. C. A. workers of the country. He was a guest at the session of the Mu-So-Lit Club Friday evening.

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Lewis E. Johnson, former secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., has located at Peoria, Ill., to enter upon the practice of law, for which he prepared at Howard University in this city while looking after the interests of the association. He is being urged to assist in the work of the Loyal Legion at Quincy, Ill., and may be prevailed upon to take up that work in connection with his law practice at Peoria. He is one of the ablest directors of uplifting agencies for young men that the race has produced.

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P. Dallas Washington, one of the capital's most experienced and popular "bonifaces," has taken over the famous Gray's Cafe at 636 D street, northwest, and is running it on the same liberal and high class basis which earned for it a national reputation under the direction of James W. Gray. The genial "Jim" Gray retires to again take up the work of his life, that of catering to the element that used to hobnob at historic "Chamberlin's" and which makes the winter as pleasant as May at Palm Beach, Florida. Mr. Washington is planning to have a "house-warming" soon, at which the celebrities of the town will be present and make the welkin ring with good cheer and give the new regime a grand "send-off."

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Miss Vivian Lucile Thompson returned last Sunday to her post as director of domestic science at the Whitted High School, Durham, N. C., after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson. Misses Mabel Wormley and Sadie Sumner, teachers in the academic department of the same school, have also resumed their work.

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George A. Carter, well-known in Masonic and Odd Fellows circles, has purchased a farm in King George's county, Virginia, paying for it $3,000 in cash. The farm is specially adapted to raising tomatoes, and their quality is so well-known that the commission houses buy the crop for a handsome figure before the planting season is well under way.

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Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University, has nominated William Monroe Trotter, editor of the Boston Guardian, for the Spingarn medal. The Spingarn medal, valued at $100 in gold, will be awarded at the February meeting in New York of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to the person of color who has rendered during the year the most distinguished service.

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Charles Edward Russell, the eminent sociologist, writer and man of affairs, delivered a remarkable lecture Monday evening in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University. The speaker took high ground on the race issue, and condemned in the severest terms the attempt of a few shortsighted legislators to exclude persons of African descent from entering this country. He held that the thrifty and industrious and intelligent Negroes are among the strongest assets of which the American nation can boast; and will make themselves felt more and more in the economic and educational equation.

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Charles A. Marshall, one of the race's brightest and most promising young educators, spent the holidays in the city with his mother. Mr. Marshall is now principal of School No. 400, Cheswold, Del., and some weeks ago was unanimously elected vice-president of the Inter-County Teachers' Association of the state of Delaware.

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The thirty Odd Fellows lodges of Washington tendered a banquet last Saturday night at Odd Fellows' Hall in honor of Grand Master Edward H. Morris, of Chicago, and the sub-committee of management of the Order of the Three Links. Sunday night the party was entertained by the Odd Fellows of Baltimore. Monday the order in Philadelphia was the host and on the 15th, New York had the floor. The S. C. M. held its first regular session of the new administration in Philadelphia this week.

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The newest commercial concession to the up-town movement is found in the change of R. L. Pendleton's big printing establishment, which for many years was located at 609 F street, in the heart of the mercantile, financial and real estate district of the city. Mr. Pendleton last week moved his home and printing outfit to 1216 U street, a few doors from the True Reformers' Hall and opposite Dudley's Theater, in the building formerly occupied by the cafe of Emanuel Murray. The new location puts Mr. Pendleton more closely in touch with the patrons he has been serving and within the reach of many who will be added to his clientele.

GOVERNOR O'NEAL SCORES LYNCHERS.

In Caustic Statement Takes Alabama Lynchers to Task—The Brave and Courageous Governor.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 7.—Declaring that the men composing the mob which early on the morning of January 4th, took two Negro prisoners from the Elmore county jail and shot them to death, had brought reproach upon the state, and that such men never hesitate to bring the blush of shame to every honest and patriotic citizen of Alabama, Governor O'Neal, last night said that all of the power of the executive office as long as he is Governor, will be brought to bear in establishing the guilt and guaranteeing the punishment of the lynchers.

The Executive announced that he had as quickly as possible ordered a special session of the Circuit Court in Elmore county to make inquiry into the lynching. Every possible effort will be made to bring the guilty parties to justice, he declared. The Negroes were lynched on suspicion, said the Governor, adding that there was not sufficient evidence for any jury to have found them guilty of participating in the assasination of R. A. Stillwell, in connection with which crime they were being held.

These Negroes were lynched on suspicion, and so far as I am informed there was not sufficient evidence on which any jury would have convicted them for the crime of which they were charged. They were charged with the murder of one R. A. Stillwell, and were in the custody of the law, and they were awaiting their trial.

There was absolutely no justification for this lynching. If those who were executed by the mob were guilty, speedy trials could have been secured and their guilt established under the due and orderly processes of the law. Those who have undertaken to perform the functions of judge, jury and executioner have brought merited reproach upon our state. The history of every state in the Union shows that mob or lynch law does not check, but only increases crime. There is absolutely no justification for lynch law in Alabama.

Must Have Protection.

It is folly for us to expect those from other states or countries to locate in Alabama until we can assure every person within our domains of the just and equal protection of the law. If the sheriff connived at the commission of this crime I am powerless to punish him by impeachment because his term of office will expire in a few days. This dastardly crime, committed just upon the eve of the assembling of the state legislature, accenuates the importance of their taking such measures as may be necessary to make the lynching impossible in Alabama. The men who lead mobs are generally those who have no respect for law or authority, who are cowardly, unwilling to face real danger, and yet by their lawless acts, do not hesitate to bring the blush of shame to every honest and patriotic citizen of the state.

The people of Alabama must understand that their protection comes not from a mob of cowardly lynchers, influenced by passion or prejudice, but only from the majestic supremacy of the law under which alone their rights or person or property can be protected.

I am gratified to know that the enlightened public sentiment of the state no longer tolerates mob or lynch law. If crimes are committed they can be punished, by the courts and the administration of justice should not be entrusted to a band of cowardly miscreants, who are willing, in order to gratify their prejudice or passions to bring ruin and confusion to the state.

NEGRO NOT LYNCHED BY NEGROES—CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

To The Freeman:

I write to correct the statement that Negroes lynched Lee Varner in Clarksville. Only one man shot and killed Lee Varner for the rape on a colored girl of twelve years. His name was Wash Langford. Several others were looking for him but Wash found him and shot him January 9, 1915.

Respectfully,
M. A. E. DIX.

KENOSHA, WIS.

(By P. R. Savilles.)

Mrs. Hugh Johnson well known among the Milwaukee lodges, socials and church affairs, paid a short visit to her husband, and after the visit she returned to her social work. .. Mrs. James Noblett, of Portland, Me., daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Dodge, 102 Park street, is home to her many friends. She was glad to get back to her old home again. She made a trip to Chicago to see another sister, and it was a surprise to her sister in Chicago. The sick list: Mr. Al Steward is very sick on the north side and would be glad for friends to come and see him. .. Mr. Johnson, of Fleet street, is suffering with his chillblane feet. .. Mr. Jesse Barns had a fall on the ice and injured his head, but is much improved

NEWS OF THE NATION'S METROPOLIS

St. Mark's M. E. Church has a Strong Brotherhood of Christian Young Men Organized in 1911

THE WORK OF R. T. BROWNE AS THE FOUNDER

Bishop Alexander Walters Attends the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Bishops of the Zion Church—Emigration Bill Killed in the Senate—Prof. J. E. Spingarn on his Second Tour to Fight American Race Prejudice—Dr. Booker T. Washington Directing Affairs at Tuskegee—"Pickups."

Allen's National News Bureau.
252 West 53rd Street.

NEW YORK CITY, January 11, 1915.—The St. Marks' Brotherhood, of St. Marks' M. E. church, is one of the strongest brotherhood organizations in Methodism. This organization is one of the most active of the many auxiliaries of the church, and is made up of a group of young men who are actuated by a desire to help their "fellows." The organization which was formed October 19, 1911, was organized primarily for mutual benefit of its members and the young men of the church. Its work covers a wide scope which is directed through various departments. The heads of the various departments are as follows: Religious department, J. S. Maxwell,; social service department, S. W. H. Turner; fellowship department, Chas. Turner; membership department, A. B. Smith; mutual aid department, John H. Becks. Each one of these departments are under the direction of capable heads, who are specially fitted by temperament for their work. Matters coming up before the organization for action are referred to the particular department under which the matter belongs, and in this the organization has reduced its business to a science.

Strong Mutual Aid Department.

One of the strongest departments of the organization is the mutual aid department which was formed about three years ago for the purpose of providing a helpful beneficial society for its members. This department pays both a sick and death benefit. This department has become an active part of the organization work, and has met the hearty approval of the members and pastor of the church. John H. Becks, the head of this department, is doing much to build up this department. To assist the organization in its work of uplift in 1913 an auxiliary among the women was organized which is known as the Sorosis. Mrs. Mary J. Turner is the president of this division.

The women have done much for the success of the work, and one of the most inspiring of the church socials is when the Sorosis and Brotherhood come together once a month for a monthly social. The organization is far-reaching in its influence, and most of the brightest and most active young men of the church are Brotherhood men. It has had a remarkable growth, and today has a membership of 450 young men. They are a loyal body of men and readily do what their hand finds to do. The president of the organization is R. T. Browne, one of the most prominent young men of the church and race. Mr. Browne came to this city in 1910 from Texaxs with the spirit of service. And one year after he reached this city he called the young men of St. Marks together and told of the necessity of a church the size of St. Marks, having an organization of young men for the purpose of maintaining a brotherhood movement. Mr. Brown was born in Lagrange, Texas, and at the age of sixteen graduated from the high school of his native city. He later entered Sam Huston College from which he graduated in 1903. After teaching school in various points in Texas, he entered the employ of the government in the war department at Fort San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas. He was transferred to the department in this city in 1910. Mr. Brown is one of the most capable employes in the government service of this city.

Since coming to this city he has studied further in the college of the city of New York. Mr. Brown is of great service to St. Marks' church and is doing much to inspire men to higher endeavor. His work among the men of the church has been telling, and the strength of his personality is seen in the splendid way in which he holds the men of the Brotherhood. He has had large experience. When the church recently opened its parish house for the beginning of institutional work, Mr. Browne was appointed director of the institutional work of the church. The parish house contains forty rooms, and will have a gymnasium, employment office, library, day nursery, educational classes and other institutional features which will be under the direction of the Brotherhood of the church. The Brotherhood in this work starts on a new era of its work, and has a fine opportunity to influence the young men of the church and community to a nobler endeavor. The Brotherhood is a fine movement and is a credit to the church. Mr. Brown is also the editor of Church Life, the official church paper.

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Bishop Walters Off To Attend Board Meeting.

Bishop Alexander Walters, the distinguished Zion churchman, after resting from his arduous task through the holidays, took up the gauntlet again last week, when he left Tuesday for Petersburg, Va., where he goes to attend the semi-annual meeting of the board of bishops and general officers of the A. M. E. church. The session convened Wednesday morning, January 13, and will continue through the week.

When asked whether or not any new features of the church work would be discussed, Bishop Walters said while there would doubtless be many important matters to come up, it would be for the most part the general routine of the church. This meeting is one of the most important of the mid-year sessions of the church. The eight bishops of the church and eighteen general officers will be present. Prominent among those to be present will be Rev. Dr. J. S. Jackson, the efficient financial secretary of the connection, who has done such good work for the connection.

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Emigration Bill Killed.

The United States Congress rose to its better self last week when he struck a blow that sent the infamous Emigration Bill into eternity. The measure which had for its purport the excluding of Negroes from this country created widespread interest, and brought out a national protest from the Negroes of the country. The 100,000 Negroes of Washington lent their influence to "kill" the bill when it came up before the house last week. Information reached this bureau that a large delegation of representative Negroes were on hand and saw the Southern element of the house gravely disappointed when 252 brave American representatives saved this nation from what would have been the worst blot on its pages if the measure had passed. As usual the champions of the bill tried to play on the sympathy of the audience, by bringing up the old time-worn and thread-bare argument of race inferiority. Representative Mann, in speaking against the measure, said: "I refuse to stultify myself by doing this injustice to the colored race." The defeat of the diabolical measure was a great triumph for justice, and will be hailed throughout the nation with great delight.

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Prof. Spingarn Fighting American Prejudice.

Professor Joel E. Spingarn left this city last week for his second tour of the country, where he goes out on a mission to arouse the conscience of the nation against what seems to be increasing race prejudice. Prof. Spingarn will cover a wider area than he covered last year when he went on the first of these tours.

Prof. Spingarn will speak in the following cities on his tour: Pittsburgh, Springfield, Ill., Columbus, Ohio; Cincinnati, St. Joseph, Mo., Des Moines, Iowa; Omaha, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Toledo, ending in Buffalo January 27th. In each of these cities large meetings will be addressed by Prof. Spingarn and his coming is being watched with great interest. Prof. Spingarn will call attention to the unjust way in which the Negro is treated in this country, and how that treatment reflects on the national conscience of the nation. Prof. Spingarn feels the treatment against the Negro very keenly, and pays his own expenses on his trips. Prof. Spingarn is a national figure and is one of the most active members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The great climax of his tour will end in this city at the Lincoln Day celebration under auspices of the National Association, to be held at the Ethical Culture hall. At this meeting the gold medal offered by Prof. Spingarn to the man or woman of the race who achieves the most for the race during the year will be presented. Prof. Spingarn will be remembered for his controversy with members of the faculties of Columbia University. The treatment of colored students at Columbia is much better as the result of the agitation of Prof. Spingarn.

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Dr. Washington at Tuskegee.

Information reached this bureau direct from Tuskegee that Dr. Booker T. Washington will be there for a few days where he will straighten out his corresondence accumulated since the Tuskegeean left the institution prior to the holidays. While at Tuskegee, Dr. Washington will make his accustomed rounds of the many buildings of the institution to see that everything is in apple-pie order. The arrival of Dr. Washington at Tuskegee is always watched with keen interest on the part of the students, and while he is at the school the personality of the educators keenly felt among the students. One of the keen delights enjoyed by Tuskegee students are the chapel talks usually given by Dr. Washington on the Sunday evening he is at the school. These talks touched various phases of the student's life and have become an important scheme in the Tuskegee system of education. Your correspondent will write extensively of the work of Tuskegee and Dr. Washington through this bureau. The educator has done much to encourage the young men of the race who are inspiring for a place in life.

Pickups.

This bureau acknowledges the receipt of the Western World, a live journal published in Memphis, Tenn.

Over 500 communicants of St. Mark's M. E. church took communion last Sunday evening. It was the largest communion in the history of the church.

A meeting of the campaign workers of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. will be held on Thursday evening. The call is being issued by J. H. E. Elmendorf, the campaign secretary.

Last Tuesday evening at the literary society of the Y. M. C. A. the real estate men of the city held a meeting. Prominent real estate men of the race were present and discussed problems affecting their interest.

Professor William Pickens writes from Wiley University that all is well at that institution. The school is in good condition, and the students are enthusiastic. Wiley University is one of the largest schools under the Freedmen's Aid Society.

The National League On Urban Conditions Among Negroes has now moved its offices on 7 avenue, between 135th and 136th streets. This organization represents one of the most substantial social service movements engineered by the race.

Royal F. Nash, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon.

Newspapers of the race throughout the country desiring news from this city may write this bureau for terms.

The most popular coming event of the season will be the annual concert of the Musical School Settlement for negroes. This concert is one of the musical festivals of the seasons, and attracts wide attention on the part of the music lovers of the city. The program is made up entirely of negro music.

The residence of Bishop Walters is being thoroughly renovated, and when completed will be one of the most handsome residences in this city occupied by our people. The Bishop's residence is known as "The Pilgrim's Rest" and not as "The Haven of Rest," as previously reported by your correspondent.

Your correspondent has succeeded in placing in the Christian Advocate, one of the most influential publications in the country, an article on the work of St. Mark's M. E. church. The article is the seventh of a series of articles on "Unique Churches in Methodism," and your correspondent is the first colored contributor.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of talking with Leslie Pollard, of the New York News staff, and the crack Dartmouth athlete. Mr. Pollard suggests the typical college man in appearance and enthusiasm. He is well versed in athletics and during the fall was the coach of the Lincoln University football team. Mr. Pollard is among the few young men of the race who left records at Eastern colleges.

Your correspondent acknowledges the receipt of an interesting little booklet on Dunbar from President Scarborough, of Wilberforce University. The little booklet is fine appreciation of the lamented poet, shows fine sidelights on the poet's character, and is written by President Scarborough, Mrs. Alice Dunbar, and Rev. R. S. Ransom. Your correspondent appreciates very much this little booklet from Dr. Scarborough.

ARDMORE, OKLA.

Mrs. M. L. Bush, Mr. Charlie Smith, Cameron, Texas, have arrived in the city.

Mr. Stitts, manager of the Metropolitan Cafe, has installed a new electric piano.

Mr. S. M. Dillard, undertaker, was celled to Berwyn Monday.

The public school has added to its faculty Mrs. Dr. Smith.

Mr. H. E. Cohe and son Buel Cohe, were called to Purcell, Okla., to attend the funeral of his nehew, E. J. Cohe.

Mr. Janes McKafee is still doing business along with his white competitors, and he is one of the best blacksmiths in the city.

The Xmas number of The Freeman was a hummer.—Annie St. Claire.

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By John Cowan, M. D.

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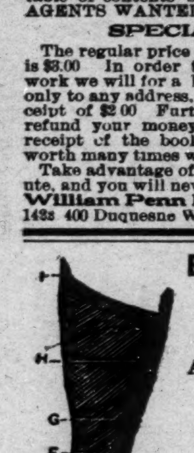

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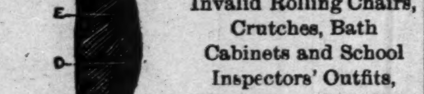

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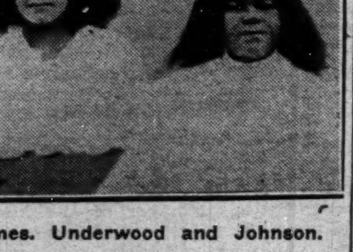

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(Freeman Headquarters, 2922 Cochran St., Phone Haskell. By Col. J. G. Griffin.)

The several mass meetings held to enlighten our people have done much good. .. Poll tax paying is the slogan .. Several big hearted men of the race have become financially interested to that end which will care for the distribution of the literature, etc. .. We are pleased to note that the people are ordering The Freeman for the home and various places of business.. The Afro-Americans here who are engaged in the various lines of business must solve the problem of how best to serve and treat the members of the race to win them from the white places. Then their success will be assured beyond a doubt... Mrs. S. R. Johnson gave a New Year's family dinner at her residence in honor of Mrs. Rice Ector and daughter, of Guthrie, Okla. It was a feature of the holidays. .... Hon. D. Rowan & Sons have moved their their new store, corner Juliette and Boll streets, where a fresh new stock of fancy groceries and fresh meats will be kept for the patrons at all times. .. Mrs. Sarah Braggs is back from a visit to Corsicana. .. The wedding bells are ringing in all parts of the metropolis and the union of hands and hearts is keeping up a lively gait. Widows and widowers are in the running for true. .. Mr. Harry Williams, who was injured while at his work by a heavy beam falling on him which knocked him unconscious, is on the road to recovery at his residence, 1828 Watkins street. .. Mrs. John Anderson, on North Allen street, is on the road to recovery, after several weeks' illness. .. Now is the time to see to it that your friends get and read the Freeman each week. .. Hold ups and robberies are engaging the attention of every class. But the law has out its drag net on idlers and vags and is daily kept busy. This city being such a growing one, it attracts all classes to it, the good, bad and indifferent. We get the fellows looking for easy picking. That makes it hard on one and all. Several law-abiding citizens, hard working and the hustling professional men, who must go and go late and early, have to give an account of themselves here of late. The tenseness of the situation gives rise to such harsh procedure. So if you are O. K. you can pass, if not you must face the judge. .. Rev. C. C. Harper, of Houston, who has been called by the officers and members of St. John's Baptist church, was here and held services and conducted a four-nights' service for the officers. But he has not yet accepted the charge. Rv. Harper comes well recommended and the church is very much in need of a spiritual adviser. It is hoped, however, that St. John's flock will soon have a shepard, as a general exodus is the talk. .. Mrs. Hattie Bond is up after four-weeks' illness. .. Mrs. Fannie Jackson passed away and was laid to rest the past week. .. Mrs. Gertrude Patterson is up after a two-weeks' illness. .. Mrs. C. B. Reed is back in the city after several weeks' stay in Sweetwater, Texas. .. Mrs. Will Jones is up. .. Mr. Ed Davis has returned from Orange, Texas, where he spent several days visiting among relatives and friends. .. Mr. Luther Shaw and Mr. Macsheck Porter were made Free and Accepted Masons into No. 249, Oaklawn Lodge. .. Mr. A. W. Tipps was laid up for several days on account of an accident the past week. .. Mr. Macon Little is at duty again. .. Stop talking hard times and go to work at some kind of a job. Everywhere you will see the ads. of the Tacoma Manufacturer of Mme. Johnson, famous hair grower, face creams, and other articles of value that are daily being sold by a home concern. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Underwood are the ladies at the helm and their goods are being bought and sold everywhere. Write them for particulars. .. Services were largely attended last Sunday at the various churches. .. See J. G. Griffin if you wish the Freeman in your home or business place. Use your energy properly and success will come. Stop crying that all things are against you. You are against yourself by not being courteous, kind and obliging to one and all. It will pay you a handsome dividend in your business Mr. Business Man. .. Rev. J. H. Dorsey, S. S. J., S. T., B. M. A., priest, scholar, lecturer and race leader, [illegible] St. Peter's Catholic church, corner North Allen and Cochran streets, January 24th, for a two-weeks' stay. The public is cordially invited to be present, as many important questions touching Catholicism will be asked and answered by Rev. Father Dorsey, who comes well recommended as a scholarly lecturer to the members and the public as well. All are invited .. With over forty thousand colored people, well dressed and good looking, and not a pleasure or baseball park where they can go and feel free; not a hall large enough to hold a concert in. It is time for the big and little, rich and poor of the race to get together in business and otherwise to do things for each other. .. A tax receipt means a good many things. Have you got yours? .. Over one hundred men and young boys have banded themselves together by paying ten cents a week and have established at the Lovings Pleasure Garden reading rooms, rest rooms, employment and information office. This association is made up of that class of away-from-home-men who work as porters, butlers, shop boys, polishers, waiters, garage men, musicians and every class of men who work. They have a ladies' department that promises to soon out grow the men. The Freeman stands up to welcome you one and all in this work, for where there is unionism there is strength, and says hold out and on. So do all you can for good to each other. .. The remains of Dr. Frank P. Mayes, who died in Muscogee, Okla., were laid to rest here last Monday under the auspices of Comet, Odd Fellow Lodge and Paul Drayton, Free and Accepted Masonic Lodge. The Doctor had only been ill a short while when the end came. A wife, five sons, one daughter and a host of other relatives mourn with the family in their saddest hours. Doctor Mayes was the founder of the Mayes Medicine Company (incorporated) and was well known all over the country. Services were held in the C. M. E. church and several resolutions were read touching the life work of the deceased.

Morgan & Busch Sanitarium.

Drs. Morgan and Busch, two prominent physicians of this city, are becoming the house-to-house talk among the masses because of their skill and noble sacrifice which they have made in the interest of the public. They have spared no pains and money to give the people just what they need in skilled treatment and up-to-date service. They have secured the services of Miss Bertha Hanna, R. N., of Kansas City, Mo., as head nurse, and they contemplate a nurse training school in the near future in connection with their growing practice and to further their activity n caring for the needs demanded out of town. Physicians are invited to secure for their patients reservations with us for all class operations. Open day and night. Phones, Haskell 1592, 2675, 2789, 4765; Main, 7747 and 6047. Located in Finch building, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Wm. Poole is up after several weeks' illness. .. General John L. Jones, is recovering rapidly, to the delight of his host of admiring friends over the state and in the city. .. The remains of Mr. D. Sparks were shipped to McKinney, Texas, Sunday for interment, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias. Services were held at Eavening's chapel, C. M. E. church, of which he was an active member. A large number of Pythian brothers escorted the remains to the station. .. At the Baptist Sanitarium the following persons buy and read this paper: A. McAdams and son, Joe Timothy Willie Evans, Preston John Boon, Clayton Frazier, Fred Roberts, Johnnie Smith, Lonnie Hannah, Dave Campbell and Jim Brooks. .. Mrs. Ida Williams is home from a three weeks' visit in Oklahoma. .. The K. of P. soldier boys and musicians of the First Regiment Band were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Capt. J. L. H. Johnson last Monday night and a jolly time was had by all.

JACKSONVILLE (ILL.) NEWS.

(By Nellie Early, 565 Sharp St.)

Mrs. Jacob Stewart, of Arnett street, received a nice card from Miss Dimple Christburgh at Galesburg, Ill., stating that she would complete her school this year. She is well known here.

Mrs. Fannie Hogan, of Chicago, Ill., was the guest recently of her parents, also other relatives.

The masquerade party given Jan. 2d at the residence of Mrs. Charles Hogan by the Social Domestic Science Club was well attended. An excellent time was enjoyed by all.

The Young Married People's Club met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Roy Hill on East Chamber street.

The Needlecraft Club met January 1 with Mrs. O. Williams on South Ebey street with a pleasant meeting and excellent refreshments were served.

The Blue Ribbon Club met recently with Miss Josephine Waddie, of West Anna street.

Misses Margaret DeWitt, Irene Campbell and Blanche Oliver were Springfield visitors recently.

Mrs. Mattie Carpenter and son, Earl, are slowly improving from their illness.

Mr. Benjamin Williams, of St. Louis, Mo., is in the city on business.

Revival meeting is now in progress at the A. M. E. church.

Come out often and early and help save souls for Christ. Miss Wait preached each night.

Mrs. Ollie Brown, of Ashland avenue, is having a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Maddox, of Chicago, Ill., are residents in our city and are pleasantly domiciled at the residence of Mrs. Levi Postley's. .. Miss Tessie Allen and Mrs. Lillie Plant spent January 1st in Springfield, Ill.

DANVILLE, ILL.

Mr. B. O. Speakes has returned from St. Louis, and is now employed at the Plaza Hotel.

Mrs. Fannie Stewart visited her mother in Covington, Ind., last week.

Mr. Lloyd Smith spent a few days at Marshall, Ill., the guest of his parents.

Miss Pearl Turner has returned from Mt. Vernon, Ill., where she visited her parents during the holidays.

Mr. Benj. Nunn spent a few days in Henderson, Ky., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Nunn.

The Ministers' Alliance met Tuesday evening at St. Paul Baptist church. Rev. M. D. Sharp, pastor.

Those who are on the sick list are: Mrs. Bayliss, Smith, Askew and little Miss Josephine Arthur.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Keithly was held Thursday Dec. 31, at 2:00 p. m., from the family residence, 911 Hinckley street.

The Freeman can be found at The Star Pantatorium, 611 North Vermont street, Phone 3439.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

(By Henry Stone.)

The Rev. Frank Estelle, of Washington, Ind., former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Highland Place, in North Terre Haute, preached an interesting sermon Sunday night to a large congregation. Rev. Estelle is an able speaker and is well liked by every one and his congregation welcome him back to Terre Haute. .. Mrs. Lucinda Thomas Smith, formerly of Terre Haute, who is now a resident of Indianapolis, Ind., spent the past week visiting friends and relatives... Mrs. Sam Murry, of Evansville, Ind., is here visiting relatives at 711 South Second street. She returned to Evansville last Wednesday.

AUGUSTA, GA., NEWS.

Emancipation Day Celebration Great Success.

(By Noble P. Willis, Jr.)

Emancipation Day was celebrated in Augusta, Ga., with appropriate exercises. The Lincoln League was out in full force, as well as the U. R. K. of P., under Col. L. E. Morely. A company of horse guards, under Capt. Frank Shanks was also in line. Music was furnished by the famous Second Regiment, K. of P., Band, under the leadership of Mr. Noble P. Willis, Sd. After marching through the principal streets the procession, followed by a line of carriages, entered Springfield church, where the exercises were held. Rev. R. J. Johnson, president of Lincoln League, presided, Prayer was offered by Rev. J. Whitehead. Rev John T. Clemons, pastor of the First Congregational church, read the Emancipation proclamation. The orator of the day, Rev. S. C. Walker, president of the Walker Baptist Institute, was introduced by Rev. Silas X. Floyd, D. D., principal of Mange Street school. The oration of Rev. Mr. Walker on "Freedom's True Level," was one of the ablest ever delivered on such an occasion in this city, and the speaker was loudly applauded and received the commendation of 1,500 people. .. Miss Cecilia E. Willis of 1521 Chestnue street had as her guest New Year's day little Miss Catherine Allen and brother, Edward, of Sumerville, and Miss Tessie May Brown, Annie Whitfield and Miss Lillie Green. A very pleasant day was spent. .. The dance given by the Cadets of the U. R. K. of K., at Dugan Hall, was quite a success. Music was furnished by the famous Second Regiment Band of course. The Second Regiment Band is preparing to give sacred concerts every Sunday at the different churches. Bandmaster Dan Johnson and his able leader, Lieut. Buttlu, deserve much credit for the way they conduct the band. Of course the captain, N. P. Willis, Sr., is all smiles with his boys. .. Dont forget the Freeman, boys. I will be around to see you Sunday.

FLORENCE, S. C.

Mr. Henry ackson is fond of reading The Freeman. .. Miss Ruth Webster has opened school at Scranton, S. C. .. Miss Florence Brown, of Washington, D. C., spent Christmas with her parents here, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Brown. .. Much grain has been planted here of late owing to the low price of cotton. .. Miss Cora Douglass is employed in the grocery establishment of her sister, Mrs. Lavinia Sanders. .. While in Darlington Monday I called to see Mr. and Mrs. Sanders. There I met Miss Cora Douglass clerking for them, but the young men —her admirers—just kept coming. As soon as one left then another came till train time. She told me though that there was no "date fixed." .. Dr. Robinson is doing a fine practice at Darlington, S. C. .. Mrs. Susie McCall was buried here on January 4. .. Mrs. Maybell Dargan is spending awhile with her father, Dr. E. R. Roberts, E. Florence. .. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Owens has returned from Mayesville, where she spent the holidays. .. Rev. Esau Kelley enjoys reading Negro literature.

NEWS OF ST. JOSEPH, LA.

(By G. W. Terrell.)

Miss Frances Matthew, a member of the Knights and Ladies of Love of America, died Sunday, January 3, and was buried Monday, January 4. She died in peace with the Lord. She was buried in Mount Arrarat cemetery. .. The young people here gave a delightful dance Wednesday night, January 6th, at the K. of P. Hall, and it was largely attended. The following were some of those present: Mr. Duncan Thomas and Miss Hattie Lemons, Mr. Robert Seddon and Miss Effie Thompson; Prof. A. Shaifer and Miss Marie Pendleton, Mr. John Brown and Miss Rosie Thompson, Mr. Nathaniel Williams and Miss Hellen Friendship, Mr. Griffin Kellums and Miss Mary Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Middleton, and many others, and they had a nice time. Music was furnished by Prof. Louis Smith's Orchestra. .. The Moses Dixon Lodge No. 6153, G. U. O. of O. F., held their first meeting for this year Thursday night, January 7th, and they installed their new officers for this term. They had a nice meeting and two more members were added to our noble order...When in town, call on Mr. G. H. Woods for your groceries. .. You should take out a policy in the Unity Industrial Life Insurance and Sick Benefit Association of Louisiana. Headuarters at New Orleans. Call on G. W. Terrell for full particulars. .. When your watch, clocks, jewelry, umbrellas and talking machines need repairng take them to G. W. Terrell, the jeweler. Also buy a copy of the Freeman and read the news; only 5 cents.

THE FRONTENAC CLUB MEETS—MILWAUKEE, WIS.

The Frontenac Club held their annual meeting on Thursday, January 7, 1915. Those who were present were Thomas Johnson, H. B. Kinner, Willard Kinner, Andy Bonds, Thomas William Simmons, Moses Wliams, Clayton Williams, Claude Williams, Frank Rollins, Chas. F. Cephas, Chas. Graves, Arthur Chinn and James Lee. Officers—Thomas Johnson, president; W. Simmons, vice-president; C. F. Cephas, secretary; A. Chinn, treasurer; J. Lee, corresponding secretary; M. Williams, trustee; C. Williams, trustee.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

The "Williams' Colored Singers" are billed for Meridian on the 30th at the Meridian Institute. .. The pictures at the Alamo are the best to be had and the show house is well attended. .. Miss Nannie Mae Strayhorn has returned to Chicago after spending two weeks with her mother and father. She also gave a piano recital at the Institute, which was a success. Miss Strayhorn is one among the best of our race. .. The Royal Sovereign club gave a dance in Howard's Hall in honor of Miss S. E. Jones and Mrs. Geneva Humphreys, of Vicksburg, Miss., and Miss Nannie Mae Strayhorn, of Chicago, Ill. .. Don't forget you can get The Freeman at Howard's drug store each week.

ATTORNEY THOMAS E. GREENE

Of Youngstown, O., Appointed Assistant Attorney General.

COLUMBUS, O.—Hon. Edward C. Turner, attorney general-elect of the state, has announced the appointment of Attorney Thomas E. Greene, of Youngstown, Ohio, as assistant attorney general in his office. Mr. Greene is a prominent colored attorney of the state. He was born in Naugatuck, Conn., March 19, 1882. He graduated from the public high schools of Ashtabula, Ohio, in 1902. He entered Case School of Applied Science, where he spent two years, after which he entered Western Reserve Law School, graduating from there in 1907. While at Case and Reserve collges, he distinguished himself as a wonderful football player. He successfully passed the bar examination before the Supreme Court of the United States and entered upon the practice of law in Youngstown, Ohio. In 1908 he was elected enrolling clerk of the Ohio Senate, where he served for two years.

Mr. Greene will enter upon his duties at once. This is another evidence that the colored people of the state will be recognized in a substantial way under the administration of Governor Frank B. Willis. The incoming administration fully realizes the solid support given the Republican ticket by the colored voters of the state, in the recent campaign. Hon. Thomas W. Fleming, the only colored member of the Republican State Executive Committee, and other leaders among the race in Ohio feel confident that the race will be well taken care of in the way of appointments under Governor Willis' administration. They are all elated over the appointment of Attorney Greene, to such an important post in the attorney general's office, for it is a fitting recognition to the legal fraternity among the colored people of the state.

CORYDON, KY.

The A. M. E. Zion Church held a quarterly conference. Two able sermons were preached by Rev. Dr. Goffe and by the pastor, Rev. L. S. Scott. The collection was $34.00. .. The pastor of the St. Paul Baptist church, Rev. G. R. Cheatham, preached three sermons Sunday. .. The public schools are now in session after the holidays. .. Matthew L. B. Greene is agent in your town. He will write up all items referring to different businesses, publicity, advertising, etc.

KENOSHA, WIS.

(By R. R. Savilles.)

Kenosha officials object to Negroes fighting in Kenosha. The mayor, W. J. Scholey, did not object to Hugo Kelley and Knockout George Brown's bout. I saw that bout myself. If Langford and McVey's bout is as fakey or brings the crowd that bout did I say stop it and stop it quick. At the last bout between Charlie White and Jimmy Murphy, of Chicago, the mayor got up in the ring and made a speech, saying, "Gentlemen, in regard to fighting I like the game because I am a fighter myself." Now the mayor likes fighting, but not real fighting. He is a Democrat and a good Democrat, but our district attorney, A. L. Drury, is a strong Republican and is opposed to bouts between Sam Langford and Sam McVey. The North is not prejudiced." Still the Negro fights in the South. The promoter of the bout is Mr. Geo. Tully. He does not believe in Negroes fighting white men but think they should fight among themselves. Boys, remember Mr. George Tulley is still in the promoting game.

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Colored citizens of Detroit will have reason to feel proud of the latest step in the long march of progress of our respected citizen, T. W. Taylor, manufacturer of hair goods and toilet articles. He has purchased a splendid property at 346 Antoine street, and has set about some remodeling and repairing that will give him one of the only first-class business buildings owned and occupied by a colored business man. It is not to be a little dingy hole in the wall, but a first-class, up-to-date place. It might be information to our readers and reason for great race pride if they were aware of the fact that the place now occupied by the Taylor store is the largest exclusive hair goods store in Detroit. An honor of itself that should excite the most sincere pride of the members of the race and cause the dozens of ladies engaged in the hair business in this city to seek out his place and give him an undivided support. Mr. Taylor is no novice in this business, having for 25 years given his undivided efforts to this business. He buys in wholesale lots and manufactures the best "Colored people's hair" in the United States. His factory work which has been conducted from Howell, Mich., for the past ten or twelve years, is to be moved into the new location at its completion, within the next 60 days. Any colored person in Michigan engaged in this business, as agent, hairdresser, proprietor, should be ashamed to buy a single article without consulting him for prices, which he assures the writer are quite as reasonable as are to be found in the city. The ladies of the community are requested to inquire when dealing with agents, if they (the agents) who depending upon colored trade are patronizing this colored manufacturing concern of their own city. We make our money here, we are depending on colored people for at least a part of our trade, and complain when we do not receive it, then, by all means let us support others of our race, especially manufacturers when we can get the best wholesale prices and liberal discounts.—From the Detroit Leader.

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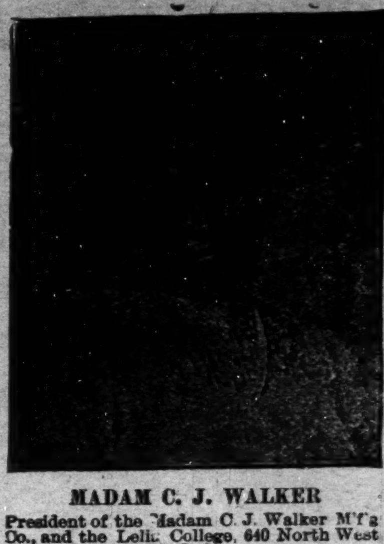

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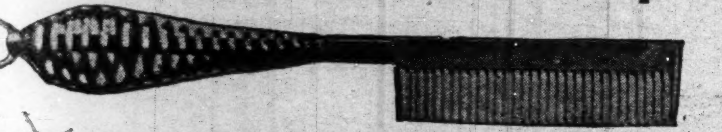

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Gives a Masterly Discourse on President Wilson and Segregation at Orchestra Hall. Chicago Hears the Greatest Political Leader His Race Has Yet Produced.

(By Sylvester Russell.)

The fifth annual celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation fifty years of freedom, was given at Orchestra Hall, New Year's eve, 1914, under the auspices of The Negro Fellowship League, of which Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnet, former exiled editor of the Memphis (Tenn.) Free Speech, is president. The feature of the occasion was William Monroe Trotter, of Boston, Mass., Democratic leader and editor of The Boston Guardian. Mrs. Barnet, in introducing the speaker, stated that the Democratic hard times was possibly the cause of so small a crowd in the big edifice and New Years eve, by way of an apology. But no apology was needed and one of the chief causes of a small following was the fact that Mr. Trotter is a Democrat, and also a lack of necessary advertising. To curtail graphic space Mr. Trotter commenced his discourse by thanking the audience for their presence and lauded the preceding celebration program. He said there was a time when we had a real Republican government and defined the Klu Klux Klan, the ex-rebel and disfranchisement in Mississippi in 1892. After mention of Charles Sumner he spoke of the segregation movement at the White House as the "New Slavery." The infringment of public rights by segregation, street seclusion, association seperation in public buildings and railroads and other limitations, as the auto-harp of new slavery, he said, had been instigated by Southerners. When the Republicans failed in their obligations, he related how he withdrew from the party but stated that this is not a party or political grievance, and condemned the Federal Government for its injustice and hypocrisy. He spoke of the failing efforts to gain a conference with the chief executive of the nation.. The first conference was duly polite; then came what he termed the "battle-of-all." The President in ignoring his petition of protestation, implied subjection to the prejudice of whites as a pretense. The turn down, Mr. Trotter said, was most humiliating and a sorry blow to him and others of the delegation. Of the condition which has been existing for over a year, he named segregation in the Bureau of Engraving and eating room. In the Treasury Department, general separation of toilets. And on the eighth floor, colored women eat in the alcove. When the President had given assurance for the "battle-of-all" conference, Mr. Trotter said, that this time he went prepared and when he asked abolishment of the existing condition, the President grew worse instead of better. Morris Spencer, a delegate, told President Wilson he had set a bad example that is a calamity and that there are no pure blooded Africans among colored Americans. Another delegate told him that he could not be asked to go any further than his predecessor, Ex-President Grover Cleveland. Among things the President said in addressing the delegation was that he had no desire to humiliate but segregation was thought best to avoid friction; that it would take one hundred years to eradicate the evil; that it was the best thought of the (Democratic) administration. Because of the President's evading language, when Mr. Trotter rated his polyglot as equal to a second Abraham Lincoln, the President cried "Stop! Leave the personal out" and called Mr. Trotter's earnest plea, in the defeated session, a personal injustice and stirring up of friction. But Mr. Trotter continued: Mr. President, we are not asking charity, but as full-fledged American citizens, we are demanding our rights under the Constitution of Law. Mr. Trotter also related what had been the custom for years up until the stifling segregation at the White House in his administration, the first instance in the Democratic party. But the President persisted that he did not like Trotter's tone and passion . In conclusion, Mr. Trotter stated that the government should respect the wants of all the people and inferred that only God, it would seem, will emancipate the darker abused people from prejudice. In reading from extracts from newspapers, the Booker T. Washington incident at Boston, Mass., several years ago, was recalled, and if Mr. Trotter was radical at that time he has now fully outgrown it by experience. He read the New York World editorial:

"No Jim Crow Government" and Henry Watterson's editorial in the Louisville Courier-Journal, "Segregaion Spells Small." Finally Mr. Trotter said: "There is no reason why segregation should exist. President Wilson was first to announce class distinction and history will render the verdict perpetuating it."

Opinion of the Writer.

In view to the deference due to the people of a free country, whose ancestors had been liberated by the declaration of Independence, signed by Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Trotter's demand at the National Capitol in behalf of his people there, in view of the jeopardy in which there public rights will be deteriorated elsewhere, is a just public cause and one in which all the best thinking people of the nation should respect and support . It is nothing short of a human calamity. That President Wilson has made a grave caste mistake which can never be erased, has been conclusively proven in his remarks to the committee, upon the assumed effect of a white morter wall which he plastered himself. In the fight against a grave depredation placed upon his people by the President of our country, the Negro race must now be strong and unrelenting in their support to William Monroe Trotter, who, now today, stamps himself as the greatest political leader his race has yet produced. Today he stands above his party and his peerless lone fight for the perfect cause is far reaching.

The Booker T. Washington incident with Trotter is a thing of the past, wherein Mr. Washington will now do well to support the Trotter cause with all the emphasis he can command, free of politics.

Just what offended the President is a very small matter of personal concern, in view of the national importance of the Trotter mission and contention. In giving Mr. Trotter a close character study, it is a thankful relief to be able to state that he is honest; he quoted the truth of both sides of the story. He has a dominant aim which cannot be shaken and a fearless nature that can overcome. He is also a scholarly man and in the trying ordeal he was the right man to meet the President of the United States in the contention of going forward to freedom or back to race disfranchisement. Mr. Trotter inherits a sarcastic wit-humor, but which is neither insulting or abusive which he uses on the finish of a deep point, that can madden the temper of an autocrat or gladden the heart of a worshipper. If this be the case, the verdict of guilty, is now repealed. The outlook of the Trotter conquest is most convincing and he should now be totally supported by his race, regardless of his party, and as the white Democrats have shown no disposition to rally to his support, it would be wise for him to become a Moose or Republican for strength, and the fight should be to a finish.

TAMPICO, MEXICO.

Mr. W. L. T. Damascus has returned from Laredo, Texas, where he went on business. .. Miss Q. C. Washington, of Houston, Texas, is a newcomer to our city and already the people have felt her influence as a missionary. In company with Rev. Beasley and Dr. Mosely, she succeeded in getting Mr. Meed to close his tailor shop on Sundays and allow his men a day of rest in seven. Nor is this all. Next Sunday Dr. Meed's saloon. Rev. Beasley will preach. .. Mrs. Brown is very ill. .. Mrs. Fortino Soto is able to be up after several days of sickness. .. General Glover is in the city for treatment. .. Our people are coming to Mexico—five and six families each week. Mr. Thomas Baily and family, with four others, are the latest to arrive. It is the same old story that all the black men tell—bad treatment, taxation without representation caused the colonies to throw off the British yoke and it will do the same thing for the black man. When it comes to paying taxes the colored man is as big as any one, but when it comes to holding office and voting he is forgotten. This is true north as well as in the south and we had as well get to it now as after awhile. As long as the colored man is dusting a white man, he is a great leader of his race and can get plenty of old worn-out clothes to wear and a few dollars and this new "land," can out talk a talking machine, all about some white man. You never hear him say a word about the great deeds the black man has done. Even the President "wants to know and aid the black man." He speaks of the black man as though he was different to other men or other parts of the human family. If he does not know I will tell him. The black man just wants justice, an eqaul chance to earn a dollar. Just ask for what he can make or does make. We are not getting that. How long will we stand for such treatment is quite a question. We have exhausted every available way and yet it is as dark as hell. It is a dangerous thing to drive a man or a race to desperation. We are forced to pay a first-class fare on a railroad and get less than a third class accommodation. If you happen to be sick it is the same. Smoke and dirty men and women are forced into this "den" with men and women of refinement, regardless of what or who you are. If I were in a heathen land I could get up some excuse but this is a "Christian nation," one that sends missionaries all over the world except to itself (where they are most needed), a nation that says they believe in prayer, a nation that has its Presidents and all officers place their hands on the Holy Bible and swear they will theat every man justly and according to law, and it is this great nation that allows these wrongs perpetrated on a part of its citizens without an effort to correct them. In ten days Louisiana mobbed four men and burned one and this nation stands for it. The preachers are too busy collecting their assessments and getting their new suits of clothes to go to the next conference or association to say anything about a mob or burning of a black man. Oh, for a preacher like Rev. Sam Jones, who would tell men of their weakness and ask them to correct their mistakes. Oh, for a statesman to rise and take the place of the late James G. Blaine, who will march down the hall of Congress and convert those weak-kneed would-be statesmen and make them do their duty.

NEWS OF ST. JOSEPH, LA.

(By G. W. Terrell.)

Everything went along nicely during the holidays. There was a large crowd here in spite of bad weather... Mrs. Lydia Ann Johnson died December 26th. She was one of our oldest citizens. She was born in Virginia, and her funeral was held at the Guilfield Baptist church of this city, Sunday, December 27, and she was buried in the Clinton cemetery. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Lucy A. Smith, and a host of grandchildren to mourn their loss, and we etend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. .. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prosser, of Memphis, Tenn., spent the holidays here with their relatives and friends.. Mr. Carneal Cullens, of Alcorn College, Miss., is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Cullens. .. When here don't fail to call at G. W. Terrell, the jeweler, and get the Freeman for your home and business place. It brings you the news of the country fresh each week of the doings of the race everywhere. It keeps you posted on the topics of every walk of life and the live issues of the day here and there. Only 5 cents per copy. .. Mrs. Hattie Donald, of Natchez, Miss., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Neda S. Terrell, of this city. .. Mrs. Anna Smith, of Newellton, La., spent the holidays with her cousin, Mrs. Neda S. Terrell, of this city. .. Prof. Louis Smith's Orchestra was called to Newellton, La., New Year's day to furnish music for a ball on New Year's night.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

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(By Col. J. G. Griffin.)

Dr. Scorbin presented a lady in a nearby town as a Christmas present a bale of fleecy staple cotton, which will bring the price when she wishes to put it on the market.

Mr. Henry Smith is back in the metropolis from an extended trip to Kerns, Waco and Red Oak, Texas, where he enjoyed the holidays.

Mr. J. R. Sanders, the genial owner of the Falstaff bar, is daily feeding his favorite to the fair sex, catnip and Tom, the porter, the sun pain, while Jessie keeps the weather eye openers on the trade and makes you welcome.

The friends here and elsewhere in the state sympathize with Mrs. Jim Bills, who received the sad news on Christmas day of the death of her father in Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Bills left at once and it is not expected that she will return for several weeks, as Mrs. Bills is the only child, duties will demand her attention indefinitely.

Little Annie Hawkins, of Terrell, has returned home after a week's stay with little Allie Lacy, her cousin, at 3109 Flora street. Mr. Hawkins presented little Allie a hog for a Christmas present.

Miss J. L. Foster and Mr. L. A. Crawford, of San Antonio, were the guests of Mrs. Susan Bolden and daughter two days of this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Brown, 1010 Routh street, New Year's day. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Miss Lula Jones, of Los Angeles, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robinson, 2514 Trinidad, a week, has gone to El Paso for one month, thence home.

Mrs. B. M. Maton and son, of Ferris, are spending a two weeks' visit here with her mother, Mrs. M. Moss, 2501 Cochran street.

Mrs. Clemmie Hill was informed last Sunday of the death of her brother in south Texas.

The rains continue and mud is galore. Sidewalks impassable in many places where our people reside.

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Mrs. Victoria Brothers spent the holidays with relatives at Tumberton, Miss. Her sister, Miss Ada Warren, returned with her and will spend a fortnight with her.

Mr. S. C. Cotton, one of Gulfports best and most substantial citizens, is very seriously ill at his very beautiful home in 30th avenue. We hope that Mr. Cotton will soon recover.

Rev. B. S. Williams was returned to his congregation this year with loud and generous applause. Rev. Williams is a great and good man and he will have our hearty support for a successful year in his work here and personal peace and prosperity.

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Rev. Waters, Rev. and Mrs. Sebree, Mr. and Mrs. Henry King, Miss E. B. Hawkins and Miss Josie Pritchett were entertained last Sunday at dinner at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Porter on Oakwood avenue.

Mrs. Ethel Maxwell and little daughter spent a few days in Crofton, visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucindy Drone.

Mr. W. J. Stoner was in Hopkinsville a few days last week visiting friends.

Rev. John Bailey left Monday for Louisville, his home, after visiting his sisters a few days, Mrs. Lizzie Amos and Mrs. Deilie Booker.

Prof. and Mrs. Tomas spent a few of the holidays in Guthrie, Ky., visiting relatives and friends. Reported an enjoyable time.

Misses Lucile Garrett and Iola Osborne returned to Frankfort, Monday, to take up their studies at State Normal.

Miss Ora Lee was in Hopkinsville a few days last week visiting friends.

Mr. Ora Collins was able to be at his place of business last Saturday after several days' illness.

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The woman suffrage people think that they did very well for a starter.

If the government is going into the social purity business is will have considerable unscrambling of eggs to do.

Ten thousand barrels of flour were shipped this week from Louisville for the Belgians by order of the Rockefeller Foundation. Perhaps that "institution" is now performing its best service.

Some fear is expressed that the big exposition event headed by Giles B. Jackson, is not making the headway that it should. The $55,000 appropriated is not a big sum for a big exposition, but it can help, mightily, a little show. Smoke up, Mr. Jackson, make a noise like an exposition.

Gabe E. Parker, Indian, has resigned as Register of the Treasury, after fifteen months of service. This office was formerly held by a Negro. When President Wilson gave it to Mr. Parker he greatly disappointed the Negroes who stood by him during the campaign. The offices of Recorder of Deeds and Register of the Treasury are both vacant. What will he do with them?

Some think to see in the President's Indianapolis speech an effort to corral the disintegrating Progressive party. For this reason, it is thought, he saw the Republican party moribund or in a hopeless state of senility. He would not have the living body—the Progessives—tie on to this body of death. It is the picture we get, highly colored, maybe, but a picture just the same.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the Negro Year Book for 1914-1915. The volume has been enlarged and improved in many ways. It now appears a complete encyclopedia of the Negro, furnishing the information—history, statistics and data—which are vital and necessary to the well directing of the race. Monroe N. Work, in charge of the division of records and research, Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, is editor.

Boston drew the prize. The fifteenth anniversary of the National Negro Business League will be held in that city Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 18th, 19th and 20th, 1915. The league came into existence in that city fifteen years ago. The returning will be signalized by a supreme effort of the Bostonians to make the league as welcome as a long absent child could expect of fond parents. Announcement has already been made to that effect.

Editor Trotter has without doubt set forward the Negro cause. He has made it acute. He has caused helpful expressions from good sources. All men who can view themselves in the Negro's place for a short while see the righteousness of his contention. He, nevertheless, will pay the penalty for his aggressiveness; it is the way of the world. The standout leaders of causes, more often than otherwise, find those causes their fate. John Brown's soul goes marching on. But what happened to Brown?

The officials of the Michigan Central Railway have put white girl waitresses on some of the dining cars as an experiment. It is needless to say that the colored men are alarmed at the invasion. Their jobs hang on a thread. If the white girls prove a success it will mean that the colored men will lose out. So far, the one road only has made the change. It would be unfair to urge against any one seeking employment wherever it may be. However, this much can be said in behalf of the colored men: they have not the whole world in which to seek a livelihood.

At Atlantic City, N. J., the colored people are still contending for a colored principal for a colored school. Of course, this emphasizes race lines, but as things go it is proper. White principals are over white schools, colored ones are not expected. Let the rule work the other way. And it does work the other way. We do have colored principals over the colored schools. Atlantic City is one of the rare exceptions. It is a little out of place in this day to have white principals in schools made up entirely of colored children. The same conditions that threw the children together make for a colored principal. Can't get away from it.

The General Education Board of New York has just appropriated over $700,000 to colored schools and colleges in the South. The appropriations to industrial schools includes Hampton Institute, $138,000; Tuskegee Institute, $135,483; Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, $196,913; other institutions, $85,000; total, $555,780. The following amounts were given to higher institutions of learning: Morhouse College, Atlanta, $5,000; Atlanta University, $8,000; Lane College, $7,000; Leland University, $2,000; Livingstone College, $12,500; Miles Memorial College, $5,000; Paine College, $5,000; Shaw University, $11,500, and Virginia Union University, $11,500, in which other scattering amounts, make a total of $144,000. The Negroes should cheer up. They are not without the loving care of those who can make it worth while.

At Harrisburg, Pa., it was recently decided that no race or color lines may be drawn by moving picture theatre managers in providing seating arrangements for patrons. The manager of the theatre against whom action was brought asked for arrest of judgment and a new trial, alleging that the act of assembly which he was charged with violating, should be constructed to give him the right to say where and how his patrons should be seated. A new trial was refused. Judge McCarrell said that the act of May 19, 1887, providing for the "civil rights of all people regardless of race or color," had been violated. No use having laws if they are not to be obeyed.

George Rouse, George Evans and Clarence Starks are the three colored men who are mixed up in the bunch of Terre Haute politicians who pleaded guilty in the federal court this week, to the charge of election frauds. Their position is serious. In pleading guilty the worst is to be expected. A term in prison confronts them. In view of the great number of men arrested, above eighty, including the mayor, the lesson is very much needed. We are surprised that Negroes should be in the business of turning elections by unfair means, disfranchising white people and their own people. They are due the punishment just as white men are due theirs—no more, nor less.

Verily, we are in the midst of trouble; just as soon as the House of Representatives killed the anti-Negro amendment to the proposed immigration bill it got right back and passed a bill to prohibit the intermarriage of whites and Negroes in the District of Columbia. The vote was 230 to 60. The Negroes are not in for intermarrying; they are against proscription. The 60 congressmen who voted for the bill are no more in for social equality or intermarriage than the 230. The 60 are for common laws; not special laws that set apart some of the people for spectacles for the others. The strength of this nation will be in its unification. When there abides among us a spirit to reduce the civil or political status of a class, it will not rest merely with the class reduced. The spirit of destruction must yet be fed.

In a recent issue of the Tacoma (Wash.) News, it speaks editorially as follows: "Next year is the hundredth of the North American Review, and Editor-Colonel George Harvey begins celebrating the centennial in the December number, which is as thick as a Bible and—must we say it—almost as good literature. Among other things he prints the names of the eighteen editors who preceded him, and it is a royal company indeed. Through the coming year the Review is to have contributions from President Wilson, ex-President Taft, Elihu Root, Alfred Noyes, Henry Watterson, James Huneker, William Dean Howells, Albert T. Mahan, Booker T. Washington, and many others who are in the habit of thinking, and besides that it will republish a number of brilliant essays by famous men dead and gone. Nearly everybody worth while in the last hundred years has written for the Review. Its history sparkles with the genius of great men and women. Col. Harvey has transferred to its pages the cerebral scintillations which used to make Harper's Weekly worth while, and he still finds an ecstacy in merrily letting the wind out of windy things. Here's hoping the Review will live another hundred years and that Col. Harvey will be here to write the second centennial hymn. Both are invaluable American institutions." When it comes to the great telling things of this country, educationally, our Dr. Booker T. Washington is very likely to be in evidence.

OBSERVE A LINCOLN DAY.

The anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation was observed in some localities. We are losing our oneness for the day if we ever had that quality. We have said more than once, that a people do not like to look backward to conditions that are held to be humiliating. A few rich men recount with pride their past poor experiences, but most of them prefer to have it thought they were always somebody. The feeling is natural—human—in accord with our ideas of progression. It accounts for the shabby treatment of the day so many have tried to establish as Emancipation Day. We might, however, have a Lincoln day, as the white people, and to be fittingly celebrated. In Abraham Lincoln's life there is much beyond the part he played in our freedom. His rise from almost traditional obscurity to the world's leading character furnishes us a lesson untinged by the color of the slave question. But we must admit, through it all, that the summit of his greatness was because of our existence. Had there been no Negro slaves there would have been no Abraham Lincoln. If we feel to get away from Emancipation Day we will do all that honor and obligations require if we make it a Lincoln Day.

DR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON DISCUSSED.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, successor of Henry Ward Beecher as the pastor of Plymouth church, is writing for the Outlook magazine, of which he is editor-in-chief, a series of articles dealing with his reminiscences of the past fifty years.

In chapter twelve, which appears in the issue of December 23d, he discusses Reconstruction and the efforts made for the solution of the Negro problem in the South. He refers to Dr. Booker T. Washington, principal of Tuskegee Institute, as among the men he has known best as working to bring about the solution of this vexed problem. He says:

"Booker T. Washington, who has done more to interpret the South to the North and the North to the South, the white man to the black man and the black man to the white man, than any other American, and whom the future will place as a leader of his race in the same rank with the other great racial leaders of human history."

THE PRESIDENT UNDECIDED.

It is said that President Wilson is undecided as to whether he will appoint a Negro as recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia. He is balked in what was considered his first intentions by Senator Vardaman and other Southern senators who are opposed to Negroes holding any presidential office. It is evident that he is making no headway by his policy of hesitation. Courage, that most men mostly admire, is that which seeks to do the nearest right thing under any and all circumstances.

As much as men like to have mean things done they do not have great estimation for those doing them, or those by whom, immediately, the things are done. To express it in a very ugly way: Men do not care for human tools that work for "unclean" purposes. The country would see the President as a whole character, and wholesome at that, having no weak places in his spiritual anatomy. It may be set down as a safe proposition, that weakness displayed at any point, that which is readily seen, makes for a lack of confidence in all that such an officer may do. President Wilson went wrong on the segregation business. It may not be generally discussed, but it is generally known and felt. The fact has not helped him.

WHERE ARE WE AT?

That the amendment, the proposed "Negro Amendment," to the imigration bill was killed in the the house by such a large majority, is its best commentary. Nevertheless, some expression of satisfaction goes with such satisfactory happenings. That day-after-the-election smile, that is, when things go right, comes on when reading of the overwhelming defeat. That it should come in the lower house of Congress is what is the more surprising. The Negroes hold that they suffer more at the hands of the poor man than the rich. They figure the House of Representatives as the poor man's forum, and representative, standing for, and advocating what he stands for, and advocates.

If we, the Negroes, were in right in this country, without our tentative relationship, the house would be our natural ally, as it is the ally of the poor white man, or as it is thought to be. For more than one reason the house has become to be traditionally known as the friend of the poor man. At the beginning it was set up as a buffer against the Senate, perhaps, after the legislative bodies of England, the commons and the lords. Bills for raising money, taxation must originate in the house, a very beautiful thing theoretically, since it is the poor man who first feels the financial pinch—the house is his representative.

While rejoicing over the great defeat of the "Negro amendment" we are reminded that the house got back to its old ways this week when it overwhelmingly passed a bill of non-intermarriage for Washington, D. C. If the measure becomes a law it will be limited in the scope of its activity, but it will have a far-reaching influence. It is an indication of the pleasure of the house as it concerns the whole country—a national Democratic policy as much as that body could have it so. Is it possible that the game of battledore is being played with us? Ten million people being battled backward and forth! It is something awful to think of.

When the house is so rampant on the subject of non-intermarriage of the Negroes and white people, it is with but small hope that we can turn to the Senate. It has been said that the Senate was above the smallish ways of the ordinary man—that it saw things in the big, adhered to principles, not actuated by whims, passing fads and so forth. That body is supposed to put the lid on the possible political caprice of the house. In the time of Republican majorities we could confidently look forward to the throttling of venal legislation somewhere between the lower house and the executive. Where are we at?

We think we voice the sentiment of the Negroes when we say that they are not interested in mixed marriages. They, however, do not expect legislation on the point that fixes them as civil or social outcasts. If they become these things by the actions of individuals there could come no protest. The law of selection should remain with the individual. He does not need the government to interfere in his behalf. We are very much opposed to laws that infringe on the rights of individuals. We are especially opposed to such laws when they tend to put a set of people to great disadvantage.

Whatever the house may do in this matter, or the senate, there is but one perfect thing to do. All know what that is as much as some affect ignorance and indifference. Perhaps, the whole marriage scheme as now existing is wrong, since each is not after his own kind. Lines are crossed in these late days, sometimes with fear, as if a higher law had been infracted, but mostly with a boldness as if in accord with the original intent. The animal kind only stands pat, immutable as the hills, unless men see fit to pave the way to the great transgression. We canont see why the general amalgamation should halt at us. And yet we are not disturbed in that it does halt with us. Our prayer is that the government, our government, which has become so paternal in spite of us, should permit the easy flow of the customs that are current, even if opposed to those of nations as known in the beginning.

Our country is a republic. The government when living up to the letter and spirit of the first principles is purely representative, taking its lessons of the people as to the needs of the country, and not an oligarchy to pass laws down to the people. There is no demand for general laws on marriage. As much as our race is abused on this point it is right above doubt in insisting that the government has no right to be a matrimonial bureau. What is being done along the line is gratuitous and unthanked; it is prejudice, a thing the government should only know when it has exhausted every effort to keep the thing back.

Marrying is a personal privilege; the state is not responsible for the entail of the citizens, or for racial purity. If it can keep the citizens healthy and happy by laws, all so well and good. But when it seeks to mate up the citizens it greatly exceeds its duty. The bill may be successful, and it looks as if it will be successful. It will not, in the event, be just or right, but a set of rules to hold down a set of the people that the other set, the vastly greater set care but little about.

The senate, the President and the Supreme Court are yet to come. We should expect much of the supreme court in a test case, because the law could not be regular, but special, in spirit, regardless of what the letter says. To go behind a law, to know its intent, is a part of it in determining its quality. If the senate, the President or the supreme court care to they can intervene nicely, logically and in the name of the conservation of the American nation.

Everybody's Doing It. What? "BUYING IT NOW."

HOMER TUTT AND BLANCHE THOMPSON,
With Smart Set Co., Lyceum Theater, Jan. 18, 19, 20.

SALEM TUTT WHITNEY AND THE SMART SET CO. AT LYCEUM.

Matinee and Nights, January 18, 19, 20. Start the Ball Rolling—Buy It At Home—Salem Is an Indianapolis Production.

Unless we miss our guess a genuine treat is in store for the patrons of the Lyceum Theatre for three days starting Monday matinee, January 18. The attraction will be the famous "Smart Set" Company, an organization of colored funmakers, who have already won a place in the theatrical firmament. As in former years the production which is entitled "His Excellency the President," will be headed by Salem Tutt Whitney, a comedian who can be depended upon to entertain. The offering is described as a musical comedy in three acts. It was written by Mr. Whitney himself and if immediate indorsement is any criterion it is safe to predict that the inimitable star is in line to shine equally well as an author. He has furnished a part for himself that permits his talents plenty of scope. Everything he says and does is the signal for genuine laughter, in fact the offering is a scream from start to finish. Bright lines and tuneful songs predominate, then again the cast is well chosen, combining in its entirety a vehicle destined to establish new records for continuous hilarity and fun. One is bound to be amused as well as convulsed. There are specialties and surprises galore and features that are not to be found in any other show. All told, the combination is high class throughout. Mr. Whitney is supported by J. Homes Tutt and Miss Blanche Thompson, also a chorus of pretty girls and nimble footed chorus men. Salem Tutt Whitney and Homer Tutt are both natives of Indianapolis and this will be their first visit to their home since joining this show and becoming famous as the able successors of Williams and Walker. Read what the Louisville papers of December 21 have to say about them.

SALEM TUTT WHITNEY,
With the Smart Set Co., Lyceum Theater, Jan. 18, 19, 20.

BLANCHE THOMPSON,
Prima Donna with the Smart Set Co., Lyceum Theater, Jan. 18, 19, 20.

The Times says:

"The Smart Set" at Gayety.

"The Smart Set," an aggregation of colored performers, rated in accordance with their billing as the "cream" of dusky stage entertainers, opened a week's engagement at the Gayety Theatre yesterday.

They presented a musical comedy in two acts entitled "His Excellency the Governor," built along conventional lnes and with the usual complications arising from mistaken identity. In this case a pair of impoverished rovers reach the residence of Elias Simpkins at a time when the arrival of the President of Haiti is expected. The family decides, with musical comedy compliance, that the curiosity arrayed duo are the distinguished President and his secretary traveling "incog," and accordingly the happy hoboes are lavishly entertained until the real President and suite appear, and the bubble of their prosperity bursts to the accompaniment of a shower of reproaches and a dueling affair thrust on them by the irascible ruler of a peppery country.

Salem Tutt Whitney and J. Homer Tutt as the impostors are amusing in a style recalling the art of Williams and Walker, and there is an abundance of lively dancing and catchy song features introduced by their capable support.

The Post:

"Smart Set" at Gayety.

The Gayety offers as its Christmas week's attraction "The Smart Set," with Salem Tutt Whitney and J. Homer Tutt, in the leading roles. The show is one of the oldest colored aggregations on the road, and is well known to theatre-goers.

The show is presented in two acts of good musical comedy, called "His Excellency the President." Whitney as the president and Tutt as his secretary, provoke rounds of laughter by their jokes and antics.

Tutt and Whitney are the best negro comedians seen here since the days of Williams and Walker. Whitney is almost on a par with Williams, and is considered by some even better, as he instills more action in his work, and not so much "talk." Whitney is supported by a number of clever entertainers, who can sing and dance. Blanche Thompson and Tutt, himself, are very good in a series of society dances, and both are heard to advantage in several songs.

A dancing novelty of the clog and wing variety is given by O. D. Carter and George Boutts. The team is fast and does some exceptionally good dancing. A number of good songs are introduced during the route of the show. "Good Advice," sung by Whitney, was well appreciated by last night's house. Another song that won favor is "The Love You Can't Forget," sung by Frank Jackson, who has a good tenor voice.

Seats are now on sale at the box office. Colored patrons will have ample accommodations on the lower floor. Frst come, first served. Get your seats early.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Colored People at the Inaugural of the Governor.

(By B. H. Burnitt.)

Thousands of colored citizens from all parts of Ohio gathered at the state capital to take part in Republican governor Frank B. Willis inaugural parade and ceremonies. Never before in the history of Ohio were Negroes so enthused during the inauguration of any governor. Negroes of Columbus in general made a very poor showing with the exception of a few standpatters that are always willing to extend a helping hand for the benefit of holding up those that are so slow to take hold. We, the colored citizens of Columbus, Ohio, should get ourselves together and prepare for such occasions and hundreds of other things. We should be very much embarrassed to know "not think" that the Negroes of other cities are far our superiors in making a showing before the public. The colored boys of the Fred Schmeller Eighteenth Ward Club of Cincinnati, Ohio, gathered early at the Sixth Ward Social Club on North Fourth street and under the leadership of Ike Farley, Joseph White and other leading men of the city were escorted to the line of march. The Cincinnati band boys were applauded by thousands of white and colored when they stopped in front of the reviewing stand and played "Star Spangled Banner." The Franklin County Republican Club, consisting of colored boys of the capital city, carrying green flags, proved to the public to be the pure in heart. Hundreds of colored soldiers from the barracks also two companies of home guards and cadets of Ohio State University, made their appearance in classy and well trained style in the long line of march.

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CHURCH, SOCIETY AND GENERAL NEWS OF PORTSMOUTH, O.

Mrs. Bessie Johnson, who has been very ill, is much better and is able to go about her room at the home of Mrs. Dixon, on Fifteenth street.

Mr. G. Smith is able to go back to his work after recovering from his fall on the ice.

Mrs. Wallace White is better and is up and around her home on Fifteenth street.

Mrs. Nash, of Court street, missed the step in the choir loft at the A. M. E. church services last Sunday evening and received a very hard fall. She was very much shaken up by the fall.

Mrs. William Hill is some better, but not able to be up.

Mrs. Jennie Bowen, who has been very ill for some time, is growing very weak and there is very little hope.

Miss Mary Washington, who is here with her sister, Mrs. Rev. Chapman, is some better and her many friends are glad to know that she is getting along so nicely and hope that she will soon be able to be out with her old home friends.

The M. E. church of which Rev. McCoomer is pastor, was beautifully papered and painted inside. The seats will be re-stained and floor which will make it very attractive.

Rev. Bailey will be here to hold the four quarter meeting and the pastor is doing all that he can to make this one of the greatest day of days. They will have a 50c rally on this day, and are wishing for success.

The M. E. conference will convene at Chicago March 25th.

Last Sunday at the M. E. church was decision day. There were six children taken in. They will be baptized this Sunday.

Mr. James Heath has been on the sick list for a week but is better.

Mrs. Housing is organist at the M. E. church. She is one of the best in the city.

Mrs. L. Dixon, of George, O., is worse than she was last week.

Miss Georgia Hollingsworth broke out with chickenpox, but is getting along nicely.

The Whist Club met at the home of Mr. G. Baker, on Thirteenth and Findly and the evening was a very enjoyable one with the games. Members present: Mrs. J. Whitfield, R. Ford, S. Johnson, C. Parker, A. Berry, L. Anderson. After the games Mr. G. Baker served a very fine lunch and all present enjoyed the meeting.

THE NEW CROWN GARDEN THEATRE.

Tim E. Owsley, Prop.

Manager Owsley is determined to give the patrons of his theater a show every week if they will give him any kind of support. Perhaps, this theatre is not all that it should be. However, it is worthy of support. The Crown has a good sized pay-roll—musicians, door keepers, ushers, butcher boys, property men, janitors, electricians—are to be paid, not to speak of the performers, many of whom have families at home depending on them. If we expect to glide into easy places in life we will have to learn to pay for them.

Times are not so good, but enough of us can afford to patronize this theatre, just the same. The dimes will do it. They will keep those boys and girls, men and women employed and in a place where the influence is just as good and wholesome as some other places frequented. Good employment is the race's preservation.

The show this week is good and attractive. The attendance has not been large, but those who came enjoyed what they saw. It is a regular blues killer. If you do not care to laugh, the Crown Garden is no place to go this week.

Owsley revived his production, "Twenty Minutes in Hell," supported by Pramplin, the juggler, Mason, of Mason & Sanders, Roseleah Johnson and Georgia Davenport. Owsley, as Jasper Green, shows that he has lost nothing of his greatness as a comedian. Pramplin makes a very good devil—looks the part. Miss Johnson is a success as an imp. Miss Davenport does her part well. The production is both amusing and interesting.

Mason & Sanders show up this week in a new act which is pleasing and clever all through.

The playing of Prof. Kelly, the violinist, was a most agreeable feature. Kelly made himself the queerest bunch of instruments ever seen on a public stage. He got good music out of them all, playing popular and classical airs. His cello was a common wash boiler, perhaps, the most popular of them all. He closes with his violin. The Professor has reason to feel encouraged in this, his vaudeville debute.

Cowboy Nell, produced and staged by Davenport, is a good production, representing Western life. The characters are done very well. Cowboy Nell is well done by Miss Davenport, who is the leading character. Davenport, "Old Slick," and George Lomack, "Handsome Harry," are especially good. The others are Mason & Sanders and Misses Johnson and Frederick. The skit was enjoyed from start to finish.

MARTIN FREE IN TOWN.

Mr. Martin Free, the genial advance man of the Smart Set Company, spent the first of the week in Indianapolis heralding the fact that those boys from home, Salem and Homer Tutt Whitney, Blanche Thompson and a bevy of pretty girls, would make Indianapolis their home Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, keeping open house at the Lyceum Theatre. Mr. Free has been identified with several colored companies and is popular among the troupers.

Manager Zeigler, of the Lyceum, the Beau Brummel of local showdom, knew his business when he booked this excellent attraction for his theater.

NOTES OF ALABAMA MINSTRELS.

Members of the famous Alabama Minstrels that I didn't get a chance to talk to when closing at Monroe, La., write C. L. Erickson, 22 Glenwood street, Warren, Pa.

Both shows of the Alabama Minstrels are the best equipped two-car minstrels shows on the road, especially No. 1 show. Both shows have regular Pullman sleepers, berths two high, and our accommodations are as good and better than two-thirds of the tent shows on the road.

Want to hear from calliope players that can learn to play air calliope that will be featured with band. Calliope mounted on automobile. Will feature calliope with band this coming season.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATRE, PHILADELPHIA.

Making audiences laugh is the hardest thing in the world. Anyone can make them cry. Theatre-goers usually are on the verge of tears from some cause or other any way, even before they enter a playhouse. They laugh not because they want to, but because they can't help themselves, and Alice Ramsey, assisted by Mickerson, made them laugh all last week at Gibson's New Standard Theatre. She is a wonder. You catch the infection as soon as you see her. Miss Ramsey, with some doggrue verse to introduce her specialties, gave an idea of how songs, recitations or acting might be wholly changed in effectiveness by the injection of what baseball players are pleased to term "pep." She was well received and was greatly pleased to be welcomed so cordially in Philadelphia. Her partner is clever in keeping her out at the right time.

Hillebrand & Company, a European novelty, showing feats of strength, was good.

McKissick & Shadney made a furror with their splendid selections of songs and danced admirably.

There is hilarity without stint "In the hands of the law," which was presented by May & May Company (the original String Beans). It is a well arranged sketch and is well acted. Among the other interesting features of the program are Bailey & Tears, and Thompson's Comedy Circus Exhibiting Ponies, Dogs and Mules. He has complete control over them. These animals are trained to a remarkable degree and perform many surprising feats. The excellence of this act reflects credit on Mr. Thompson as the only Negro on the road carrying an act of this kind.

WHITE ACTS WOULD NOT WORK WITH ALLEN & WIGGINS.

The first colored act that was ever known to play the Chasmer Theatre, Washington, D. C., on Nixon and Earlinger avenue. Sorry to say the act was cancelled after their second appearance on the stage. The white actors refused to work with the two colored gentlemen. We heard three of the acts say they would not work with gentlemen of color. The week before the same three acts played on the same bill with us boys at the Nixson's Colonial, Germantown, Philadelphia Theatre. But the manager treated us very nice. He paid us our full salary.

Yours truly,
ARTHUR ALLEN.
JACK WIGGINS.

A GREAT BILL AT THE S. H. DUDLEY THEATRE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

(By W. C. Malord.)

A rare treat was given the theatergoers of Washington, D. C., at the S. H. Dudley Theatre last week. The vaudeville presented the sister team of Ricks and Talbert in a novelty singing act. Using the best of catchy songs. Milton, the Tramp, appeared in a musical act. He was very clever in handling the violin and flute. Nick and Tuck also presented a fine act. This grand bill was closed by Baker and Hillman. They are some comedians. The audience seemed to be well pleased with this fine bill. Senior Frederico De Botts is now the stage manager. The best of photo plays are shown in this house. Much credit is due to Mr. Lew Henery, the general manager, for this couse is conducted on A No. 1 plans.

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SPOTLIGHT RAY.

I see that Tim Owsley is only "Twenty Minutes in Hell." He is lucky, as most theatre managers, to hear them tell it, have been in h— all this season and are apt to stay the rest of the season.

Moral: Misery likes company. Martin Free.

Hannah & Hannah are making good at Gall's Theatre, Jacksonville, Fla.

Taylor & Watts Trio, assisted by Estelle Cash, Kieth Theatre, Buffalo, N. Y.

P. G. Paris, the notion man of Crawfordsville, Ind., was in Indianapolis on Tuesday.

Cox & Cox, Jimmie and Robbie Lee, are making a great success at Pekin Theatre, Savannah, Ga.

Ike Early, a performer of the old school, died at the City hospital, Indianapolis, last Saturday after a short illness.

Little Seymour James is at the Lincoln Theatre, Cincinnati, Ohio, this, the week of January 11, on the Dudley time.

Emma Frederick, playing at the Crown Garden, Indianapolis this week, sends regards to Kid Thomas and Bert Murphy.

Jones & Liston are in Indianapolis this week enroute to Chicago. Miss Liston is indisposed at this time, but hopes to continue the trip.

Ethel Fields will soon be before the footlights again. Best regards to John Dennis and Chas. English. Write sometime, Springfield, Mo.

Lew Hall, the droll talker, is writing a two act musical comedy, "In Jamaica," to be produced by an all star white cast, "Pittsburg Follies."

Leon and Cooper, magicians, playing dates in Florida. Sanford, Fla., Jan. 11-12; Orlando, Fla., Jan. 13-14. Can be reached by Gen. Del., Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. J. Louis Johnson of the Real Quartet, was called to Indianapolis last week on account of the death of his brother, Joseph, who died after a few days' illness.

The two Nelsons, Elijah and Lemar, would like to hear from the band boys of Moss Point. Lemar says hello Creglan. Write sometime. Best regards to the bunch.

Prof. R. J. Simmons, cornet player, is at his home, Humboldt, Tenn., resting up. He would like to hear from Clarence Powell and Jeff Webb. Address 315 Mitchell street.

The Pewees are still at their home, 304 East Thirteenth street, Wilmington, Del. Charles is very much improved at this writing and will start working in a few weeks.

Miss Mary Adams would like very much to hear from Miss Bessie Brown with Billy King Stock Co., and also Mr. Pete Porter. Hello Billy Higgens. Write sometime. All mail can reach me care Freeman.

Zollie Ford, the well known comedian, and his wife Jennie Ford, are in their third week at the Yale Theatre, Oklahoma City. Zollie Ford as producer and Mrs. Ford as leading lady. Hope all a prosperous New Year.

John Berry, of Berry & Washington, was entertained while in Cincinnati, Ohio, by Jean Barnett, son of the actress, Miss Cora Thornton. Covers were laid for twelve. Music, cards and dancing until the wee hours of morning. Berry & Washington open at Star theatre, Pittsburg, Pa., next week, Jan. 18th.

Mr. Ed Lee, reinstated at the Star theatre, Dallas, Tex., and full charge goes to his efficiency. All vaudeville acts and star performers can open correspondence with him in his Dallas, Texas, headquarters. It's business to stand up for the right and at the right time, and for the right things. So let the bygones be bygones and we all look forward to a prosperous future, performers and managers.

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FRED LARENCE BRADFORD,

Famous Aviator and Baloon Ascensionist, Dies by His Own Hand.

(By Sylvester Russell.)

CHICAGO, Ill. — (Special) — There was quite a stir of emotion when the news was spread along State street that Fred Larence Bradford, the fearless and daring aviator, had committed suicide. When Mr. Bradford returned from his Southern trip about four months ago with his health impaired, he took a flat at 3111 State street and hired a man servant, William Coleman, to wait upon him. He gradually grew worse. His wife, Mattie Beck Bradford, of Cleveland, Ohio, was sent for to visit him and she remained a week. After her departure he grew despondent.

As a man who had formerly lived the quiet pace that kills, unheedful of the advice of friends, for he was very non committal and reserve in disposition, but with a wilfull determination,

FRED LARENCE BRADFORD.

and the worst had only to come when Dr. Wilburforce Williams told him that the seriousness of his case would necessitate his removal to a sanitarium for sanitary reasons. On Saturday evening, January 9th, after the doctors departure, he cut his throat with a razor he had hidden in the bed and died immediately.

Mr. Bradford was born in Springfield, Ill., and was 35 years of age. He was the greatest aeronaut his race had ever produced and gained a wide reputation in the South, where he was in demand every season for baloon ascensions. When aeroplanes came into existence he was one of a group of aviators who attracted the attention of the Mills Company and Sullivan & Considine signed him for a season as an emergency.

His estate, including loan holdings, tents, baloons and fixtures, will estimate $2,000.

THE LYRIC THEATRE, KANSAS CITY, MO.

The Lyric Theatre Company is still playing to good houses and pleasing the public. Rastus Brown and Cleo are some dancers. The house screams when Rastus tells them that we will have some more. Miss Birtie Byrd is still making good after working here since September and still she is pleasing nightly. Hazel Edwards and Bessie Brown, two clever little workers, are some dancers, says Rastus Brown. John Day, Reed Corner, Clarence Baker, Harry Cabbage Johnson, May Porter and Ella Wilkins send regards to all friends. House & House, after a long engagement, still hold their own at one of the Lyric Theatres. All good acts keep your eyes on the Freeman. We are going to have the biggest show this season that has ever been in Kansas City. This theatre is known to pay you what is promised and every day is "draw" day. The boss is always ready to open the safe. Edward Lankford, Manager.

Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell.

EDWARD DE CARSIA COMPANY AT THE GRAND.

Copeland & Payton Stars of Last Week.

"Red Ike" was the name of a clever cowboy love comedy which introduced Edward De Carsia and company in one act with a cast that equalled the star in cleverness. The parson was a most eccentric comedian and the leading lady who looked like Fanny Davenport, had auburn hair and I do dote on auburn hair for the actress had passion. The Bohn trio were marvelously great balancing athletes. Lane, Harper & Lane were lively entertainers; Will Grundy and Josephine Lazzo, the colored team, made good, fortified by Grundy's exceptional dancing. Seven Merry Kids closed with a district school farce. The last half of last week had Andrew Copeland and Lanky Lew Payton in "The Last Call for Lunch" and their comedy in the dining car was better than ever. Gladys Fisher, the cake walker and artistic dancer, and his girls, made a big hit. Tillie Cross fully sustained her past record and Alberta Piper, in a dancing number, pleased. The white acts were Seven Castellucci's, finished artist musicians; Bremman & Carr, fair as musicians and performers, and Hilton & Hughes who gave wholesome humor. The orchestra in the opera music was excellent.

Ethelyn & Luke at the New Monogram. James Bailey a Modern Artist.

This house was the scene of a real artistic atmosphere when Ethelyn & Luke gave love scenes in song and dialogue to good advantage vocally and artisticly. James Audrey Bailey one of the neatest finished dancers of his race gave a new modern course of jokes to big approval. Schaeffer & Schaeffer were new comers. Dave Schaeffer who is a very good little comedian, can return again as soon as he gets some new original stuff and the girl must train artistically. Rich Rollinson & Skip Douglass made their first bow as a team. Skip filled the bill and his partner, who is still a little crude, sang promisingly, but they should cut out those poor war stories. Clarence Jones hammers too heavy in the incidental and recitative and Miss White can omit prominent extended harmony in the vocal solos. What we need is soft music at such times.

Brown & Pinky at the Monogram. Junk Edwards Makes 'Em Scream.

Rose Brown & "Pinky" in their best comedy act and dancing returned as prime favorites. Edwards & Hardee were a big hit. Miss Hardee is fast approaching the Abbit Mitchell class as a singer and Junk Edwards just cleaned up in his comedy and people screamed. Marie Bostwick sang ragtime songs in quick action. There was a white musical and sketch team that played from "Lucia" in any old way and went through a ten dollar sketch and I paid a dime to see the frost.

People Wild About the Movies.

This season is the era of "movie" play development. The States had "Mrs. Wiggs," the Lincoln had "Mysterious Bank" and The Washington had "A Million Bid." The Phoenix had "The Long Arm of the Law" to big returns. The New Atlas at 47th and the Fountain on 35th both had good business.

The Poet-Writer's Dream.

While the mourners tears are falling,
Happy hearts are laughter-crying;
Between the two scenes most appalling
The poet-writer's dream, is sighing.

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STAGE NOTES AND STROLL NEWS.

Mr. Branner has returned from his trip South and to his home.

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Payton & Copeland are at the Academy of Music with Springfield, Ill., and Decatur, Ill., to follow.

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Kittie Pope Sorrell is suing her husband, Hiram Sorrell, the ventriloquist, and late editor of the defunct Guide, for divorce.

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Rogers & Wiley are at the New Apollo on the western vaudeville time with Detroit and Grand Rapids, Mich., to follow. They also play Beloit, Wis., and will open at the Grand theater Thursday, January 28th.

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J. Berni Barbour had three white performers as his guests, viz: R. G. Stewart, a cultured singer, Jack Davey and George Getzie at the De Luxe cabaret. J. Ralph De Voe and the writer were also of the party, one night last week.

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The Real quartet, consisting of J. Louis Johnson, Geo. L. Conley, Lorain A. Board and John Turner are on the Marcus Loew time, were at the Colonial last week. Joseph Johnson, brother of Louis, died January 6th, at his home, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Frank J. Calhoun, formerly a stage hand at Mott's Pekin theatre, later with Robert Everests Monkey Hippodrome, has returned from a tour of England, France, Germany, Sweden, Belgium and Norway and were enroute for Russia when threatening war had forestalled their journey.

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Charles Davis, who is domiciled at the home and mercy of his late partner's brother, Byron Goggin, is to have a benefit as soon as one can be arranged. Charles Gardner and Mr. Goggin are interceding in Davis' behalf. I intended to call and see Mr. Davis for the first time since his arrival, last Sunday, before going to press, but owing to the untimely death of my friend, Fred Lawrence Bradford, I was interrupted.

WHAT'S WHAT DOWN IN NEW ORLEANS.

(By W. M. Benbow.)

John E. Lewis, formerly the partner of Lew Kinner, also late of the Jolly John Larkins Royal Sam Co., was found dead in his room Saturday morning, January 9th. His many friends here believe Mr. Lewis to have heart trouble. Mr. Lewis was an old showman. He made his reputation with his partner, Lew Kinner. The team was known as the Black Williams & Walker of the South. Mr. Lewis was a No. 1 straight man, and had a lyric tenor voice of the highest type. Mr. Lewis leaves a sister, brother, wife and one child to mourn his loss.

Iroquois Theater.

Seals-Fisher, original rags; Bailey & Bailey and first class motion pictures.

Temple Tehaeter.

D. W. (Dad) James and stock company. Members are as follows: Ruby Taylor, late of the Black Patti Co.; McNeal & McNeal, Happy Lockheart, Thelma the Great, George Allen and Tillie Johnson. We all wish Dad success with his white elephant. It's a hard nut to crack, Dad.

Poodle Dog Cabaret,

W. M. Benbow, manager, is still holding its own with that noisy bunch Arthur Bruce, Jessie Burney, Clarence Williams and Aimie Cook. 25 Cabaret, Thomas Wade, manager, is still alive. Why shouldn't it be, Look who is there. Aggie Tansell, Nuckie Johnson, Alma Hughes, Ebbie Burton and Harry Bonner. Lewis Wade is still whipping the piano. Beulah Henderson, Grace Arnte, Lena Leggett is still entertaining for the first class cabaret. Mrs. Lizzie Landry Miles, sister to Mrs. Edna Landry Benbow is in the city visiting relatives.

J. B., the barber on Gasquet street, sends regards to Kinner.

W. M. Benbow says hello String Beans and Buzzin Burton. Have you quit the boards?

George Whipperner and Calvin Jackson send regards to Lew Kinner and Tonic Jackson.

Mrs. Edna Landry Benbow is featuring her new song, the "Home Blues," words and music by Mrs. Benbow, arranged by Fred Washington.

Brown & Dermont closed at the Iroquois. Will open in Memphis at the Metropolitan theatre week of Jan. 11th. The act made good here.

Leo Johnson won the 20-round bout here Friday night between him and Young Joe Gans. Gans claimed to be fouled.

THE SHOW AT CINCINNATI, O.

The Pekin.

Mr. Dempsey offers for this week's attraction, a very interesting and entertaining bill. H. H. Puggsley, monologist, is the opener, and for originality he takes off all honors. His singing and dancing are very good and he has a personality that permeates. Miss Josephine Tobias, a soprano who would be a credit to any race, sang herself right into the hearts of her auditors. Her selections were timely and beautiful. "Good-bye, Sweetheart, Good-bye," was her opening number, followed by "Dearest Memories," beautifully rendered. Her interpretation of "Isle D'Amour," beggars description. Following Miss Tobias come Gray & Dunlop, a team entirely new to Cincinnati playgoers. If Mr. Klein has any more acts of their calibre, kindly let us have them as soon as possible. Their act is absolutely original. The way they handle the popular song, "Crying for You," is very novel and it takes the house by storm. An act good enough for any old time.

The Lincoln.

(By Porter & Brown)

A very good bill graces the boards at this house this week. Miss Marjorie Loraine is clever and petite as ever in her dances. A trio, headed by Walter Robinson, a former Cincinnatian, is as good as we've had here in sometime.

Miss Josephine Tobias, at the Pekin, is a Cincinnatian by birth. Her proud father was one of the delighted audience last night.

The Fred Schneller Club of the Eighteenth Ward attended the inauguration yesterday and were complimented by the Governor in person, upon their magnificent showing. The boys surely did look good.

ETHELYN & LUKE TRIUMPH IN "THE PASSION DEATH DANCE."

Talented Stars Display Art Equal to the Best Featured on the Largest Stages.

(By Herbert T. Meadows.)

St. Louis theatergoers enjoyed a treat of real artistic value during the week of Jan. 4. The occasion was the appearance of Ethelyn and Luke in "The Passion Death Dance," an adoption of the Egyptian Vampire. These talented performers present an act of uncommon art and thrillingly true in its oriental conception. In the action of the piece it is necessary for Mr. Luke to assume three different characters and he accomplishes these with a craftiness that stamps him as a real actor of rare ability. The story of the play begins with an American sailor who leaves for the Orient after he pledges, "I Will Keep My Promise, Dear," to his sweetheart. While there he discovers an Egyptian Vampire madly in love with the captain of the Royal Clan. The captain visits the harem, serenades his lady love and being admitted to her apartment is discovered by the Abdul in the "Soul Kiss." When he finds her with flowers he resolves she shall lose her head, but she wins him over with the Passion Dance and in an unguarded moment seizes his sword and stabs him to death. Miss Ethelyn rises to the occasion in the Passion Dance very artistically and thrills the audience with her realistic audacity. The musical numbers incidental to the action are well rendered and the patrons are offered a treat that is rare and out of the ordinary. The special scenery adds a touch of realism that is effective. The playlet might be classed as a dramatic operatta and offers excellent opportunity for the display of classic vocal talent. It stands out alone as the classiest that has been seen on the Booker Washington stage here and ranks well with the best the larger houses are producing. I feel it is only justice to the lovers of refined vaudeville to recommend these really talented performers as stars of the first magnitude and well worth seeing.

This week's bill at the Booker Washington consists of Stovall & Stovall in an act of hilarious comedy; U. S. (slow kid) Thompson in his characteristic monologue and dances; Harrison Stewart, supported by Will A. Cooke, Jeanette Murphy Cooke and Viola Stewart in a comedetta entitled "The Real Estate Agent." This is a very classy little act, full of humor, and offers each of the characters an opportunity to display some very rare talent.

The Smart Set, with Salem Tutt Whitney at the head, is drawing big houses twice daily, this week at the Gayety. The St. Louis verdict is they are better this season than ever.

NEW YORK NEWS.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

Wilson & Wilson are at McVicker's Theatre, Chicago.

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Anderson & Goins are at the Empress Theatre, Chicago.

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The Ten Dark Knights are at the Bijou Theatre, Brooklyn.

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Jones & Johnson are at the National Theatre, New York.

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Brooks & Bowen are at Hammerstein's Theatre, New York.

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Cooper & Smith are at the Grand Opera House, Syracuse, N. Y.

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Dans & Walker are at the Pantages Theatre, Los Angeles, Cal.

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The Kratons are at the Pantages Theatre, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Howard & Mason are at the Pantages Theatre, Edmonton, Can.

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Dean's singing and dancing act are at Lewis' Theatre, New Rochelle, N. Y.

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The Boldens scored a distinct hit at Keeney's Theatre, Newark, N. J., last week.

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Miss Cora Cross and Miss Lillian Rose are the entertainers at the Libya Dining Rooms, 115 131st Street, New York.

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Billy E. Jones, the popular vocalist, is singing the New York song hit, "I've Loved You Since You Were a Baby."

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Gaines & Brown, on Butterfield time, week of January 10, first half Jackson, Mich., and last half Flint,, Mich., and scoring a big success on the bills.

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The orchestral leaders throughout the country are playing Scott Joplin's new instrumental number, "The Magnetic Rag," which is said to be the greatest number before the public. Twelve cents will bring this number to you. Write to Mr. Scott Joplin, 133 W. 138th Street, New York.

HARRIS'S MERRY MAKERS TO OPEN JANUARY 27.

Harris's Merry Makers, staged by Mr. Bob Slater and assisted by 17 allstar performers, will open at Hunt's Point Palace January 27th. The show will consist of the Cubanola Trio, in their original playlet, also Clever Jules McGarr and his new parner, Miss Ruth Allen, singing "Berlin's" latest New York song hit entitled "Tennessee I Hear You Calling Me." The show promises to be a hit.

NOTES FROM J. C. O'BRIEN'S FAMOUS GEORGIA MINSTRELS.

BRUNSWICK, Ga.—Hi Jerry Barnes, who is to be stage manager and producer for the No. 2 show, and Edith Nelson have just arrived. Geo. Barrett, tuba and double bass player, has been engaged for the season of 1915. His new double bass that has just arrived, is a beauty. Jim Green and his wife, Ada, who have been with the J. C. O'Brien's Famous Georgia Minstrels for the past six years, are resting, fishing and hunting and having the time of their lives. Mr. Green will have an 8-sheet pictorial lithograph of himself and wife. Mr. Green will have his old position the coming season with the No. 1 show as stage manager and producer. The bunch here join in best wishes to all friends in and out of the profession.

WHAT'S WHAT ON THE S. H. DUDLEY CIRCUIT—WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 1915.

Washington, D. C.—S. H. Dudley Theatre, Lew W. Henry, manager: Braxton & Nugent, Manzey Nordicsey, Hugh Turner, James Brown. Howard Theatre—Andrew J. Thomas, manager: Richardson & Towel, Ramsey & Nickerson, Forsyne & Hill. Fairyland Theatre—Mr. Ross, manager: Granstaff & Davis.

Richmond, Va.—Hippodrome Theatre, W. J. Coulter, manager: Tim & Hester Moore, Clements Sisters.

Roanoke, Va.—Boston Theatre, C. L. Andrews, manager: Susie Sutton, Martin & Ramsey.

Danville, Va.—Columbia Theatre, W. A. Donlevy, manager: Dorsey Lazso Four.

Lynchburg, Va.—Ford's Theatre, R. F. Johnson, manager: The Goodlettes.

Philadelphia, Pa.—New Standard Theatre, John T. Gibson, manager: Gant & Perkins, The Hillmans.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Star Theatre, Abe Minsky, manager: Gilpin & Woods, Washburn & Piper.

Detroit, Mich.—Vaudette Theatre, C. L. Dudley, manager: Johnson & Johnson, Murphy & Walker, Nolan Washington.

Cincinnati, Ohio—Lincoln Theatre, T. Spencer Finley, manager: Hub Trio, Marjorie Lorraine, Seymour James.

Louisville, Ky.—Ruby Theatre, Wilheit & Collier, managers: Denslow & Denslow.

Memphis, Tenn.—Church Park Theatre, S. T. Beer, manager: Langster Bros., Jones & Liston, Lawson & Brown, La Vola.

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ROUTE.

The Smart Set, with Salem Tutt Whitney—Lyceum Theatre, Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18, 19, 20; Ft. Wayne, 21-22; Battle Creek, Mich., 23.

Richard & Pringles Famous Georgia Minstrels—Dayton, Wash., Jan. 18; Pomeroy, 19; Athena, Oreg., 20; Pendleton, 21; Enterprise, 22; Joseph, 23.

J. C. Rockwell's Sunny South—Homer, Mich., Jan. 18.

Baby Jim, Cress Simmons, Mgr.—Vaudette Theatre, Detroit, Mich., week of Jan. 18.

Wm. McCabe's Georgia Troubadours—Scotia, Neb., Jan. 18; North Loup, 19; Ord, 20; Greeley, 21-22; Wolbach, 23.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Austin, Slim Jim	Junniper, Johnny
Allen, Arthur	Jackson, Russell
Austin, Buster	Jackson, Frank
Brown, E. W.	Lacy, A. M.
Carr, J. E.	Lewis, James E.
Cox, Arthur F.	Latimore, Raymond
Caldwell & Wilson	Muse, C. E.
Crosby, James	Miller, Joe
Craddock, J.	Miller, Robert
Campbell, Bud	Mack, Billy
Dryden, Carl.	May, Butler
Earle, Robert	Morton, Leroy
Easton, Sidney	The Pattersons
English, J. A.	Puggsley, M.
Edwards and Edwards	Porter, P. J.
	Reed, Harry
Elliott, E. J.	Riley and Riley
Edwards, B.	Scott, Richard
Freeman, George	Sharp, Geo.
Fisher, Wm. Keg	Seals, B. F.
Glenn & Brogsdale	Sadler & Sadler
Garrett, Jimmie	Sandifer, J. B.
Harper, Lenord	Thompson, Danna
Hull, D. R.	Valentine Jr., Alex. M.
Hooten, Eugene	
Houze & Houze	Wade, Park
Harris, Chas. J.	West, J. W.
Henderson, J. M.	Wells & Wells
Housley Bros.	Wallburg, James
Johnson, Elwood	King, Williams

Ladies' List.

Allen, Miss Inda	Love, Miss Lucy
Brown, Magnolia	Lester, Carrie
Cox, Miss D. M.	Nelison, Miss Lucile
Garrette, Miss Evlyn	Nicklos, Ray
	Owens, Alice
Delk, Tootsie	Pendelton, Mildred
Davis, Anna	Ringgold, Isola
Gill, Ardella	Smith, Laura
Hicks, Annie	Struffin, Gertrude
Hayden, Mrs. Creola V.	Samuels, Miss Effie
	Van Clay, Elizabeth
Jackson, Mrs. Ora	Queen, Dora

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Our first invasion of the North for this season proved highly successful. The Lyceum Theater in Columbus was packed to its utmost capacity nightly. This was phenomenal when one considers the stress of the times and that the Lyceum had been boycotted by the colored people of Columbus.

It is the policy of the Lyceum management to segregate the colored people in a little portion of the gallery. These conditions are expected to obtain in the South, but when the Capitol city of one of the greatest Northern States draws the color line as closely as it is drawn in Columbus, it is high time the colored people of the North began to take serious notice of this menace of their liberties. Coming from the South I found it practically impossible to make any distinction between the two sections. Aside from the "jim-crow" cars, I am inclined to favor the South. There at least one sphere of action is clearly defined, and the colored people are better prepared to combat the obnoxious conditions. The colored people do it themselves is what the white man in the North will tell you, and it is lamentable that this is in a great measure true. There are certain colored people who, in the language of Dr. Washington, have more liberties than they know how to appreciate. The Lyceum management claims that the colored people crowded the Lyceum and were very boisterous, that they fought, used profane and vulgar language; also, the Negro men would secure boxes and bring white women into them. These things proved revolting to the white patronage and in order to protect their business interests, the management was compelled to place restrictions upon the colored patronage. This may all be true, but the fact remains that all colored people do not behave in this manner and there are white people who behave just as obstreperously. The white man persists in making but one class of Negroes, the objectionable class, so when one Negro enters a public place of amusement and misbehaves, the color line is immediately drawn and all Negroes are ostracised. The white man asserts falsely that he is unable to make a distinction between the desirable and the objectionable Negro. There will be no improvement in these existing conditions until every Negro feels that the salvation of the entire colored race depends upon his or her actions. We must learn repression and be willing to make sacrifices for the good of all. We must be imbued with the spirit of the Spartan soldier who stood in the ranks of his countrymen facing a solid phalanx of spears, realizing there must be an opening made, he rushed upon the spears, many penetrated his brave breast, others he gathered in his arms and held them in dying grasp, while he shouted "onward!" to those behind. Inspired my this heroic action his comrades rushed into the breach made and thus secured an overwhelming victory. The Spartan had not died in vain.

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Who does not know P. G. Lowery? Certainly not any in show business. And all who know him love him. White and colored pronounce him to be a prince of good fellows. He is recognized as one of the greatest cornetists. Framed upon the wall of his home in Columbus is a trophy won in a contest with twenty white musicians. Mr. Lowery is a great bandmaster, yet he is unassuming, reticent of his own accomplishments he becomes eloquent when singing the praises of some fellow musicion. Associated with Mr. Lowery are Bill and Tom Mays. They are inseparable friends and have been with Mr. Lowery for many years. They have no peers in their line of work. Miss Carrie Gilbert, another member of Mr. Lowery's company, entertained several members of the Smart Set at a delightful dinner party. Just to show her versatility she prepared the meal with her own hands and what a repast it was. Every dish was repassed again and again. The meal closed only when it was impossible to assimilate any more. After the dinner the party indulged in a friendly game of whist. The honors went to J. Homer Tutt and P. G. Lowery. Yours truly won the booby prize. Others present were Frank Jackson, Hattie Akers, Theresa West and Theodore Pankey.

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Theodore Pankey sends greetings to his many friends in and out of the profession. Mr. Pankey has been playing vaudeville trough Canada and the Northern States, mostly white time, and meeting with great success, having lost only one week in fifteen. Mr. Pankey is a progressive showman. His great experience, which covers a period of 22 years, has enabled him to take a comprehensive view of the colored theatrical world. He is optimistic for the future and says the time is not far distant when the colored profession will again occupy the enviable position it once had in the theatrical world. Those who have known Mr. Pankey only as a sweet tenor singer and a portrayer of heroic roles should see him doing a black-face monologue and making good. The feature of his act is dramatic recitations. Mr. Pankey displays much art and temperament in this line. Mr. Pankey had the honor of singing for Governor Cox and was heartily congratulated for his sweet rendering of several numbers.

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Miss Jennie Hillman is visiting the Smart Set Company and will be delighted to meet her many friends while en route. Miss Hillman is the designer and maker of gorgeous costumes for several of the Columbia Amusement Companys shows. She has added several new sets of costumes to Smart Set's wardrobe, which makes it one of the best costumed colored companies that has toured the country. Miss Hillman, while in Dayton, Ohio, was the guest of Marion Smart Moore, who was one of the stars of the earlier Smart Set shows.

The following is what the various newspapers of Columbus, Ohio, had to say of the Smart Set in "His Excellency, the President:"

"The Smart Set."

Probably the best colored production now on the road is that offered by the Smart Set Company. S. H. Dudley, who headed the Smart Set aggregation for many years, has left them to go into vaudeville; but the Tutt family, who now head the cast, are making the performances even more acceptable; and the Smart Set is frequently compared to the old Williams and Walker comedies. They have some stunning costumes, and the performances goes with the zip and dash which good colored comedians know so well how to impart.—Ohio State Journal, Wednesday, Jan. 6th.

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LYCEUM.
"The Smart Set."

"If the chorus of every musical show worked as hard and put as much life into it as these colored people do there would be more successful shows," said Manager Freeman of the Lyceum Monday, between acts of "The Smart Set," that really funny dark-town musical comedy. And he was correct. From principals down to the very last and least chorus girl there was life and vigor. And how those darkies sing and dance. They will put to flight any "blues" or ennui. For that tired feeling it is a never-failing antidote.

Salem-Tutt Whitney is a comedian. He has mighty few rivals in his line of comedy and that is saying a great deal. Besides being clever enough to write the book and much of the music to his vehicle, he puts into it the comedy that makes the show. In fact, he is the whole show himself, ably assisted by J. Homer Tutt, Blanche Thompson, Helen Clinton and a company of singers and dancers that make the heart glad with their nimble feet and their "barber-shop" harmony.

The plot of the play is the same as when the company last appeared here. The comedians, as a couple of wandering "niggahs," are mistaken for the president and secretary of state of Haitai, traveling "incog." Their experiences, while being entertained as the foreign dignitaries and their subsequent exposure form the basis of the play.

Among the musical numbers that win much applause are "Good Advice," by Salem Tutt Whitney; "Romance Espanola," by Blanche Thompson; "Just a Pickaninny All Dressed Up," by J. Homer Tutt; "All I Ask is to Forget You," by Blanche Thompson and others.—Columbus Dispatch, Tuesday, January 5.

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Musical Show at Lyceum.

Plenty of "pep." That's what makes such an aggregation as the "Smart Set" company of colored performers now at the Lyceum Theatre good entertainers. None of the cast does his work in a perfunctory manner. Everyone is on his toes, as the share in the fun and singing as if the success of the whole undertaking depended upon his individual efforts. When they dance, the girls in the chorus smile, not the frozen kind of smile but one that appears as if it came without intention. The chorus is very well drilled and contains some good singers. The dancing is full of life.

The same plot is employed that has served the company before, but it does very well to keep the audience interested. You don't very often hear such enthusiastic dmonstrations on the part of the audience as filled the house last night, even at the Lyceum.

Salem Tutt Whitney, who is author of the book and some of the music, essays the chief comedy role and makes it continuously funny. He makes up in blackface and is much in evidence all the way through. J. Homer Tuptt is his chief ally. Tutt is a good dancer and singer, with a weakness for velvet suits. Other important roles are taken by Greenbury Holmes, William B. oTwnsend and Ethel Marshall.—Ohio State Journal, Tuesday, January 5.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE STAGE.

Having Mostly to Do With Performers Seen in Indianapolis, for the Year 1914.

(By Will M. Lewis.)

With much pleasure and some anxiety I plunge into this work. Some anxiety because in spite of my good intentions I will not be able to do justice to all. One can see that it is quite impossible to reach every member of the profession as he or she would be reached. A few will be neglected by oversight. Their pardon is asked in advance.

Without much ado by way of introduction, I jump in media res, in the middle of things, as time and space compels.

Someone signing himself "Scrip" writes in from New York, giving what he considers the ten best acts of the year. I will not reproduce the list here because it is not in accord with my view. He includes acts that appear exclusively before white audiences. This does not bar them here, but it is fair for me to speak of those whom I have met from time to time during the present year. A few of these mentioned by "Scrip" have appeared at the Crown Garden Theatre, Indianapolis. It is not my object to play out a bunch so strongly as against the others. It is not a bad idea, however, to mention a string of the standout teams. Our viewpoints are so at variance that it would be an injustice to speak "too knowingly" of what is considered the very best. By reading carefully between the lines some idea of my estimation of the performers can be ascertained. The quality of the mention rather than the length should be the test.

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Buster & Rockpile made good the "Well Den" boys.

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Grant & Perkins are a joyous "gang" of girls who know how to be happy on or off.

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Madam LaBelle Glenn, the Hawaiian, will be remembered for her three sweet song numbers. Her pretty broken speech was her feature when off of the stage.

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Bradford & Jeanette. Miss Jeanette was a fashion plate. Bradford classes as a good comedian.

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Burton & Robinson. Burton is a fine operatic baritone. Robinson a successful comedian.

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Lewis & Lewis, comedy and straight. The lady sings good blues. Lewis is an acceptable comedian.

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Massengale and Crosby were noted for the fine comedy by the former and the singing of Miss Crosby.

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Scott & Simmons. Scott made a hit with his operatic numbers. Simmons is high class in his comedy.

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Good Gravy Davis & Waldon succeeded in getting good music from old bottles. Waldon is also a clever violinist.

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Sam Evans, ventriloquist, longs to get in the Johnnie Woods class. He is coming up all right. Now playing white time.

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The Mills Sisters will be remembered for their fine, graceful steps. Oliva succeeds nicely in her male impersonation.

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Gulfport and Nugent, a standard team. Gulfport good in his comedian work every minute. Miss Nugent excels with her feet.

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The Abyssinian Trio, with finely blended voices, was again in evidence this season. The beautiful moon song is yet the feature.

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Syd Carter's Sunny South, with a brass band attachment, went big the first week; not so well the second week; fell down in Louisville, Ky.

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Bessie LaBelle Malone sang three delightful numbers as she only can. Her deep rich contralto-baritone won all at once to her. She is alone in her class.

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Thomas Melton, tramp musician, Sam Davis, monologist, Seymour James, monologist, Costello, Spanish coon. These were acts that won attention and appplause.

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Madam Vena entertained with her mental telepathy, assisted by Mr. Downing. They did some increditable things. Both are pleasant and sociable off of the stage.

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Cumby and Warfield are favorites. Cumby has had considerable experience. He knows just what to do. Warfield is known for his singing, neat dancing and piano stunts.

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Billy and Sadie McCarver have done considerable time on the stage, and they are none the worse for it. Billy is a show in himself. His soldier stunt and cane dance are his features.

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Martin and Motely have forsaken their old number, "The Porter and the Maid." They are now doing some Follies around about Washington, D. C. They are favorites in Indianapolis.

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The A. Lincoln Harris players were with us. They played. Perhaps that is sufficient to say. But I must say a word about A. Lincoln himself. He makes a fair average—about 70 per cent.

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Perhaps no team showed more finish in its work than Morton & Wilson regardless of the complexion of their audiences. Their work is a stage classic. Their work and wardrobe correspond.

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Gonzell White & Virginia Liston led as singers of the blues. Miss Liston is of Jones & Liston. Jones is one of the greatest of our comedians. He is decidedly himself and has no imitators.

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Ora Criswell appeared twice on the scene, going big each time. In her line of work she has no superior. However, there is a bunch of young female comedians coming up who are pushing her.

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Peat and Hayes were good entertainers. Miss Hayes is one of those extra sized handsome women, looking a bit like Miss Davenport. Peat is one of those very funny comedians from down "home."

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The Claybrooks, Indianapolis people, were among the successful musical acts. They are relatives of Shelton, of the team of Fiddler & Shelton. They are a pleasant couple to meet—man and wife. They went East from Indianapolis.

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The Drake Musical Comedy Company proved a hold-on attraction. Their run of several weeks, perhaps, is the record run of the Crown Garden Theatre. Drake is versatile, has a fine conception of his art. The bunch was a feature.

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The Carters, Paul, Ruth and Nettie, made a nice impression at the Crown Garden. Paul is an all-around performer. Ruth is a pianist. Nettie is a delightful little personality, a nice buck and wing dancer. She sings nicely. A very congenial bunch.

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Noel F. Washington is one of the big time numbers, playing to white audiences. He is a princely fellow. His feature is whistling, imitating birds. This was his first appearance at the Crown Garden Theatre. He made a good impression.

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Bonnie and Senoura developed into a teom of merit. Senoura was an Indianapolis miss a few years ago. She felt that she had to take to the stage like her sister Florence McClain. Bonnie is one of the best female impersonators in the business.

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Sellmon, of Sellmon & Jackson, has one of the best voices in the country. It gives the impression of being gold in the ore. Anita Wilkins, the superb, is out this season on calendars. She is noted for the beautiful rendition of her song numbers.

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Hattie Garland, an Indianapolis girl, proved to be one of the best popular song singers, comparing favorably with Miss Jackson, of Sellmon & Jackson, and who leads them all in that kind of singing called coon song shouting or ragtime singing.

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Perhaps as a lady performer, Theresa Burroughs Brooks is the most finished product of the colored stage. Esther Bigeon is her nearest rival. All sorrow with her in her calamity, the loss of her husband, Marion A. Brooks, one of the most genial fellows of the business. All hope that she will find it possible to continue in the profession.

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Tom Cross & Tom Lemonier proved a very acceptable team. Their cook and waiter stunt was well done. They made a hit in their songs, original, composed by Lemonier. But it took Cross to sing them. Rather high-class in their finales; now on white time.

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U. S. Thomson, Slow Kid, follows the white tops in the summer, with P. G. Lowery. He always has something new and good to give out in vaudeville in the winter season. His pretty wife is generally in a different show, a thing he does not like very much.

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Old John Rucker blew up from New Orleans with the Ten Dark Knights. Played at the Family theatre. He shows no signs of going back. The white people liked him very well, especially when he opened his capacious mouth. The whole company was well received.

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Alonzo Moore, magician, is the cleverest of them all. He has found, however, that in building up his act that he has got too much stuff for the salary that he can get for his work. It looks as if a freight train was needed to haul his excess about. He thinks of retiring.

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Simms & Thompson have not been out West for quite a time. They will be remembered here for their standout work. They are fellows of intelligence, and who show it in their work. Simms is among the top notch comedians. Thompson is high class in his straight and as a singer.

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Irwin C. Miller proved to be the tango dance chap; he did all the rest of the late dances. Elvira Johnson, a favorite songstress, blossomed out into a tango dancer, doing a turn with Miller. In fact, Miller had quite a number of partners. Made hits with them all, just the same.

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Lawson & Brown is another one of those neat sister teams that do standout work. They are kids in their act, male and female. Miss Lawson is a pretty, winsome creature, and her work keeps up with her looks. Miss Brown will be hard to beat in her boy kid characterization. They are ideal.

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Davenport & Davenport come in for considerable distinction. Both are clever people, the lady particularly so. In a farce comedy playlet she has no superior if an equal. The same may be said of the male Davenport. She is pretty; he is handsome. They are swell dressers. Very sociable at all times.

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Johnnie Woods and Little Henry, the doll, still hold their place as the best ever. Little old Henry looks so human that it is a shame for Johnnie to smack him the way he does. He says, "Johnnie, you aint treatin' me right," so touchingly. Johnnie had some kind of marital difficulty up in Chicago.

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Susie Sutton is a fine performer entitled to a place in a good company of players. She would do equally well in comedy or tragedy. She is top-notch as a character artist. Miss Sutton is now at Washington when at home. She is sociable. She knows languages and is a musician. Some girl? Yes.

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Brown & Pinkey are all that could be expected. It is a sister team. Miss Brown is another Aida Overton Walker with her finished stage prances. Miss Pinkey is dainty and rare, a most exquisite product, having that child-like freshness which all like so well. She romps beautifully. Most pleasing personality; both.

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Washburn & Piper are favorites; both are good. They will be remembered also for the letters that passed between them and a manager of a Southern play house. Washburn is one of those fun-makers that can go as big as they choose to go. Miss Piper is known for her clear-cut straight. They are a standard team.

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Wells & Wells, the comic acrobats and trapeze, do a pleasing novelty. The lady was rare because colored. Carl Dryden, musician, was a success. Alice Ramsey, tall and "divine" made it twice. The last time she was with little Charlie Nickerson of Cleveland in a very clever act. In fact she seems to be bossing him very successfully.

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Montgomery & McClain have become star attractions. Frank has always been a big number, but he had to raise Florence. She was apt, and now she holds down her end in fine form Frank wins in his polka stunt any old place. Florence is good in everything even to her appearance. She looks good on or off. They are now posing for pictures.

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Jones & Hill are favorites in Indianapolis. Miss Hill is noted for her pretty gowns, and also for her pretty form in them. She is a good partner also. Jones is another one of those comedians that can do what they choose with the audience. If it does not want to laught he just makes it laugh. He's a fine fellow to meet—I mean for us men to meet.

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The Clement Sisters, Carrie and Mamie, blew in from the West a few weeks ago, looking fresh and wholesome as if they thrived on the pure air of that section. The girls are ambitious, doing nice work. They costume effectively and prettily. They do a bit of fine art at the close, showing their desire to do good things. They won some hearts while fluttering around in Indianapolis.

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Tolliver & Chappelle, character artists present a finished act. They got their inspiration down East, although Tolliver is an Indianapolis product. They are worthy of the high place they hold. They could make good in a drama or tragedy. They are strictly legit. The lady is handsome; but she does not allow her looks to interfere with her work. One of the best presentations of the year.

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Butler & Johnson is another team of distinction. Butler is a good comedian all right, but most of the distinction goes to Miss Johnson, who is coming up in fine style. She was of the Kinky Doo Trio, all of whom were good performers. Two of them succeeded in getting husbands. Miss Johnson remains on the stage where she is needed so much. Really, there ought to be some way to compel the good ones to stay on the stage—not to retire, nor to get married if it takes them off the stage. We, the public, need the good performers, and we should patronize them. We lost Lizzie Wallace, danseuse, whom we needed so much.

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Following are some unclassified acts that appeared with more or less success: Smith and Mills, Bishop and Ewing, Crampton & Bailey, Kenzer and Williams, Hendricks and Lee, Drake and Walker, Webb and Simmons, Brown and Brown, Ricks and Talbert, The Arrants, Charles and Mable, Johnson and Johnson, Taggart Hargrave, Jones and Gray, The Butlers, Perrin and Crosby, Godfrey and Patterson, Glenn and Brogsdale and Stone and Stone.

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S. H. Dudley and Patrick, the mule, need no special mention. It is conceded that they were the banner attraction of the year, and because they were who they were. Perhaps, for legitimate work, this act drew larger than any other. But we must reckon with "String Beans" when it comes to getting the nickels in regardless of the kind of shows. He beat them all as a money-getter. It will not be necessary to discuss the reason why. I state merely a fact.

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The Miller & Brown Company was almost ideal as a colored company. Perhaps it was ahead of its day. I would not like to think of such a company not meeting the approval of the race. It should have been encouraged for the idea presented. This in view of our poor prospect of first-class consideration in the better class white play houses. Both are good performers. Miss Bigeou is one of the very best. The whole company was very capable—the two companies presented by them.

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Original Rags, the extemporaneous versifier, the only one in business. He was better this season than before; like wine, good wine, improving with age. He is a first-class monologist also. He prefers to be known as Original Rags; but he has a name just like other folk. Jolly and jovial are his off-the-stage attributes.

Blondy Robinson, the English Negro actor, was a decided hit. His off-the-stage feature was buying up old straw hats for his act. He is a cracker jack—so decidedly different.

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Although the Whitmans have been about this town this season a review is not a review without them. All of the Whitmans, including their picks, are now in a big alliance, traveling south when last heard of. Some show? Yes, with Mabel, Essie, Alice and the other one whose name escapes me just now—Bert, I believe. Hello Sammy and Aaron and the other picks. Mabel is the business woman. Essie is the star attraction. The other one is the song composer. It would take a book to hold all about them.

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Edwards & Hardee are a pair of good ones. They make their white tops in the summer doing vaudeville in the summer. They are of P. G. Lowery's bunch of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows. Miss Hardee is of splendid personality on or off of the stage.

Together they appear companionable, seeming to be very fond of one another. Miss Hardee is Mrs. Edwards when off of the stage. Edwards is one of these ad lib comedians. He can turn on as much fun-making as he chooses. She is an interesting and pleasing singer.

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Muriel Ringgold, a protege of the late Ernest Hogan, was here, all fluffy in her "sea" characterization. Madge Clinton, genial and pleasant, made a good impression with her mammy turn. She can lay 'em down with her feet when she minds to do so. Bessie Walker, songster, won some hearts in addition to her singing. Tootsie Delk, formerly of Goodloe and Delk, was alone this season doing character. She did very nicely. Fannie Wise joined the church but she sang no less sweetly and in the same old way. Princess Sotamki and big snake created consternation.

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Arthur Allen, formerly with Morton & Wilson, came back as a single; made good as a musician. Frankie Barton and her picks were attractive, particularly the picks. The Ragtime Trio, Roselba Thomas, Norma Thomas and Buster McDonald, were more than ragtimes. Granstaff and Davis, those boys from the white tops, got the most out of their "horns.' C. H. Burton gave three classy tenor numbers—some singer. Leon, the magician, has been unavoidably detained south this season, consequently he has not been with us. I make a note of him for old time's sake.

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The Blank Sisters, Arseola and Birleanna, are a couple of Iowa girls; well schooled. They make a fine stage appearance; they have that something which makes stage work go. They are pleasant when off the stage. Some stage people act as if they had two separate and distinct existences. When the curtain rings down they never smile again until it goes up for their turn. Some have reasons for this as they have sorrow of heart which only they can know, and which are only interesting to them. These girls have the smile, all the while, that won't come off.

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Spencer Finley is a standout monologist; he delights in springing new ones. Pamplin, the demon juggler, is still dropping the big iron ball on his arms, also doing other stunts, some of which are featherweights. Ben Toledo made a hit also as a juggler. Gaston and Jackson are top notchers, good stock fellows, having a variety of acts and good clothes. They will go in the 90 per cent. class. May and May, String Beans, was the banner box-office attraction. He, however, is no classic, but proved in the end a much better performer than he was thought to have been. His pianologue business was really good.

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Jack Wiggins, the great buck and wing dancer had a wife that was a doll—a human doll. Jack idolized her on and off the stage. The most she could do was to stand around and look sweet. She did this very successfully. She won at it—something no one else has done. Well, when Jack went to Cincinnati they fell out. Mrs. Wiggins was fearful that The Freeman would publish something ugly about her. She wrote something like this to us: "Jack and I have quit; and I am going to get a divorce. He may write something ugly to your paper about me. If he does, dont put it in. If you do I will sue you and get lots of money." How innocent it sounds! Is it nature or art? Good either way you take it.

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WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

New York.—The Jim Flynn-Al Reich fight, scheduled for the Broadway A. C. tonight, has been called off. Flynn asked a postponement because of an injured hand.

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Fathered by Eddie Santry, erstwhile famous featherweight boxer, a bill permitting prize fights in Illinois has been referred to the legislative bureau of the state legislature convening at Springfield. The tenative draft is patterned after the boxing laws in Wisconsin and New York.

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Ownie Bush, of the Tigers, whose home is here, is a methodical and sistent person. He doesn't believe in doing a thing one way this time and another way the next time. To prove the marvelous consistency of Bush, note his records for 1913 and 1914:

In 1913 Bush went to bat 593 times, made 98 runs, made 149 hits and delivered 19 two-baggers. His average was .2552.

In 1914 Bush went to bat 596 times, scored 97 runs, rapped 150 hits and smote 18 two-baggers. His average was .252.

Anything like that in previous archives?

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Jack Curley, Frisco fight promoter, was a defendant in a suit for $50,000 damages filed by David Fesler in a Chicago court. He claims Curley's automobile smashed his at the Cub ball park about a year ago.

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CHICAGO.—Promoter Tom Andrews, matchmaker for the Badger A. C., has announced that requests for seats at the Clabby-Gibbons contest in Milwaukee, January 21, are arriving daily. He expects a capacity crowd.

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COLUMBUS, O.—The Columbus boxing commission suspended Young Patsy Cline, of New York, and Frankie Burns, of New Orleans, featherweight boxers, for failure to live up to contracts. Other boxing commissions will be notified of the local commission's action.

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DENVER, COLO.—When Joe Azvedo, the California lightweight, arrived here January 6, he learned that Ad Wolgast would not be his opponent before the Colorado Athletic Club, January 19. Instead he will meet Red Wilson, of San Francisco, in a twenty-round bout. Wolgast withdrew from the match on advice of his physician.

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ST. LOUIS.—The St. Louis Federal League baseball team will go into training at Havana, Cuba, late next month, according to a recent announcement.

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MILWAUKEE.—Negro boxers will be permitted to engage in contests with each other before boxing clubs in Wisconsin, but no bouts between white and negro contestants will be allowed, according to a recent ruling of the Wisconsin boxing commission after having consulted with the attorney-general. The ruling rescinds a former order which forbade bouts between negroes in Wisconsin.

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"I saw a lot of Jack Johnson while I was in London," said Georgie Monroe, who returned from Europe to New York recently. "Jack was well liked in London. He made good money in the halls until the falling off of patronage in all of them compelled managers to drop expensive cards like Johnson.

"His one great ambition is to be the best biscuit maker in the world. Every night of his life he bakes a pan of biscuits to eat with tea before he retires. He's up bright and early making another batch for breakfast. When I saw him he had reached the stage where he could make a batter and bake a panful without wearing an apron. That seems to give him as much real joy as winning the championship. Egg-nogs are his other specialty.

"Johnson shipped two autos, his man, a secretary and a trainer to Buenos Aires, so he can't be so awfully flat broke."

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Jimmy Gans, the son of the famous Joseph Gans, died Tuesday, Dec. 15. He died at the home of his grandmother in Baltimore, after an illness of six months. He tried very hard to overcome his conditions, but we feel that he waited too long. He was a church member and a promising young man about 22 years of age. A mother, sister and grandmother mourn their loss.

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ST. LOUIS.—An unusual occurrence suddenly terminated the boxing bout between Young Zulu Kid, of Brooklyn, and Bobby Burns, of Dallas, at the Future City Athletic Club the night of Jan. 5, when, shortly after the beginning of the fourth round, Burns landed a right-hand punch on the lower portion of Julu's left hip, temporarily paralyzing the entire leg. There was no question as to the blow being low, and Referee Sharpe immediately called a halt. Zulu did not want the bout on a foul, and asked for a few minutes to get over the injury, but, showing no signs of recovery, the bout was called and Zulu awarded the decision. Doctors stated that the boy was suffering from a shock to the great sciatic nerve, and that it would be hours before the little fellow would be able to stand firmly on the leg.

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LANSING, MICH.—A whirlwind finish in which he all but put his opponent to the mat for the count earned Jimmy Anderson, of Indianapolis, a shade over Patsy Drouillard, Canadian lightweight champion, Jan. 6. Drouillard, for seven rounds, piled up a big lead on points. In the eighth he received the full force of one of Anderson's vicious punches and only saved himself by hanging on during the remaining three rounds. The Windsor lad showed his ability to withstand a lot of hard punishment, and was fighting hard when the gong ended the fight.

In the semi-final Young Smith, of Muskegon, was so nearly out in the second round that the officials stopped the bout with Eddie Nelson, of Grand Ledge.

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Dates set for the chief athletic events at the Panama-Pacific carnival at San Francisco this year follow: Basketball, February 23; wrestling, April 16 and 17; swimming and water polo, July 19 to 24; decathlon, August 4 and 5; junior track and field events, August 6; senior track and field contests, August 7; relay racing, August 9 and 10; ten-mile run, August 12, and seven-mile walk, August 12.

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Jim Jeffries, ex-heavyweight boxing champion, is no longer associated with his brother Jack in the cafe business in Los Angeles, having sold his interest to Hector D. McKenzie.

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Dominick Tortorick, of New Orleans, and Tom McCarey, formerly of Los Angeles, will compine their efforts and stage boxing bouts in a $30,000 arena which they will construct in New Orleans.

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In the recent decision of Judge Bartow S. Weeks, of the Amateur Athletic Union legislation committee, has put an end to all discussion concerning an athlete running for his college during the academic year and for an athletic club in the summer months. Judge Weeks decided that an athlete is perfectly entitled to do such a thing, so next summer many college stars may wear the colors of prominent clubs.

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Captain George L. Hubell, Jr., of the Williams college swimming team has canceled all the contests recently arranged. The Williams swimmers found themselves in the unusual predicament of having one of the prettiest pools in the country at their disposal, but no water to fill it. There has been a long period of drought in Massachusetts, which caused a water famine, and the college has not been allowed since fal lto use enough in the natatorium for swimming purposes, so the athletic authorities deemed it best to keep the men out of competition altogether.

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Talking of a college crew rowing a four-mile race such as the Poughkeepsie distance, Coach Vivian Nickalls, of the University of Pennsylvania crew, says: "I favor a long stroke for four miles. It consists of a quick catch, a long pull with the arms straight before you, the gradual leg drive and a fast recovery. I teach all my men to row close to the water, not to sky their oars. Speed is only to be thought of in the final stages of training. Keep the men going smoothly, have the eight catching and feathering as a single sculler and the most power will be gotten out o fthe boat. After the eight is sure of itself then you can coax up the speed."

SAM JOHNSON, BANTAM-WEIGHT,

Wants to Know of the Whereabouts of One-Round Bess.

Sam Johnson, colored bantamweight boxer, is ready to meet any bantam in the world. Where is Mr. One-Round Bess, of Indianapolis? He is afraid to meet me in the ring. I thought he was some fighter until he came to Terre Haute last March and was K. O.'d by Jackie Moore in two rounds. I was not doing any fighting then. I was working out with Jackie Moore and Young Joe Gans every day. Now I am ready to meet any one.

HIS RECORD.

1908.

Beat Johnny Cobb, Kansas City, Mo., 10 rounds.

Draw, Henry Todd, San Francisco, Cal., 20 rounds.

Beat Kid Jackson, Poplar Bluff, Mo., 8 rounds.

1909.

K. O., Kid Henry, Seattle, Wash., 4 rounds.

K. O., Henry Harper, Seattle, Wash., 1 round.

December 17, beat Dave Mayville, Pine Bluff, Ark., 6 rounds.

1910.

February 2, ~~K. O.~~, Styles Hudson, Pine Bluff, Ark., 6 rounds

March 17, K. O., Willie Rouse, Pine Bluff, Ark., 5 rounds.

1911.

July 4, K. O., Dave Parks, Gould, Ark., 1 round.

August 4, beat Willie Rouse, Altheimer, Ark., 6 rounds.

September 4, K. O., John Rasbery, Altheimer, Ark., 11 rounds.

1912.

July 24, K. O., Young Blackburn, Memphis, Tenn., 3 rounds.

July 15, draw, Kid Patterson, Kansas City, Mo., 4 rounds.

1913.

January 1, Young Mandot, Kansas City, Mo., 1 round.

January 10, K. O., Kid Patterson, Kansas City, Mo., 4 rounds.

Johnson can be found for the present at the Exchange Hotel, Union Stock Yards, Indianapolis, Ind.

William Merrill, a bantam weight of Champaign, Ill. I am not hard to please. I will agree with any club on reasonable terms. All I want is a chance. I want the service of a good line manager. My present address is Exchange Hotel, Union Stock Yards, Indianapolis, Ind., New Phone 893.

TITLE BOUT IS AWARDED JUAREZ

Johnson and Willard to Meet March 6 at Border City—Havana and Tia Juana Bid for Scrap—$30,000 for the Champion.

NEW YORK.—Jack Johnson and Jess Willard will meet in a scheduled forty-five round bout for the heavyweight championship of the world at Juarez, Mexico, Saturday, March 6, next. Final arrangements to this effect were made in this city Jan. 8, after bids were received from Havana, Cuba, and Tia Juana, Mexico.

Johnson has been guaranteed $30,000 win, lose or draw, while Willard has been assured a minimum of $15,000 and may receive a much larger sum by sharing interest in the affair with Jack Curley, the chief promoter and his associates.

El Paso Men Interested.

Other offers to stage the bout came from Billy Gibson of this city, representing a syndicate that was desirous of taking the bout to Havana, Cuba, and Jim Coffroth, the California promoter, who wished to have it held near Tia Juana, Mexico. Curley and the other men interested believed, however, that the assurances of financial backing and concessions made by the Mexican officials and several business men of El Paso, Tex., for the Juarez proppositions promised better results.

The bout will take place in the Juarez race track, and the management of the race track promised suspension of racing for a few days if necessary to facilitate the erection of stands there for the accommodation of spectators.

Johnson at Buenos Aires.

When Johnson signed the articles a few weeks ago in Europe, Curley gave him $1,000 for expenses, and today $1,000 more was cabled to him at Buenos Aires, from which port he will sail tomorrow morning on his way to Juarez.

Jess Willard, who has been in this city for a few days, has left with his manager, Tom Jones, for a brief stay at Excelsior Springs, Mo., and then proceed to El Paso, where he will finish his training for the contest. He will reach the El Paso quarters about Jan. 25, in all probability, and expects to weigh about 230 pounds when he enters the ring.

Johnson and his handlers will establish training quarters at Juarez as soon as he arrives there. The $2,000 which has been given to Johnson for traveling and training expenses will not be deducted from his guarantee of $30,000.

WILLIAMS GIVEN THE DECISION OVER WALTER JOHNSON—SAVANNAH, GA.

A Georgia paper speaking of the recent bout between Lew Williams and Walter Johnson had the following:

Lew Wiliams, of Savannah, started the new year right yesterday when he won from Walter Johnson, of Atlanta, at the Flag Athletic Club last night in a ten-round bout. It was one of the best fights seen at the Flag this season, and Williams's victory was slender, Referee Charlie Yeager giving his decision at the end of the tenth. One knock-down was scored by each man. Johnson's was from a powerful jab.

Lew Williams, welterweight champion of the South. Willing to meet all comers. Address Geo. H. White, 514 Jones St., E. Savannah, Ga.

The winner was the aggressive boxer, but Johnson, who stated after the fight that he had had but five days' training, proved a good match for him. A hard blow opened an old wound in Johnson's nose in the second round and this worried the boxer very much in the remaining rounds.

This was the eighth time these men have fought each other without a knockout. A return match will probably be arranged later in the month.

FRANKIE BURNS AFTER THE BANTUM CHAMPIONSHIP

Wins Over Frankie Conway at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS.—Frankie Burns, Jersey City bantam, further strengthened his claim to a final match for the bantamweight championship with Kid Williams when he gained a technical knockout over Frankie Conway, of Philadelphia, in the fourth round of a scheduled fifteen-round bout before the Orleans Athletie Club the night of January 4.

It was Burn's fourth consecutive knockout victory here, his three previous victims having been Knockout Eggers, Kid Herman, of New Orleans, and Chick Hayes, of Indianapoils.

Conway never had a chance. From the moment he put up his hands to start hostilities he was on the receiving end of a terrific fusillade, and the wonder was that he weathered the storm in the third round. A short right cross to the point of the chin in this session sent him to the mat for the count of five, and on rising to his feet he received such a terrific drubbing that the spectators yelled to referee Burke to stop the fight.

Burke allowed the battle to continue, but when Conway came up for the fourth it was plain that he was all in. After about two minutes of the fourth round Burns worked both hands with piston-like precision to Conway's unprotected face, and Burke stopped the fight, awarding the decision to Burns.

BASEBALL PUZZLE PLAYS.

(By Billy Evans, Famous American League Umpire.)

The average baseball fan is mighty observing. This fact was strongly brought to my attention during the recent New York city series, in which I officiated. Reaching the grounds one afternoon I found a letter awaiting me from one of the Gotham fans. It asked for an explanation on two directly opposite rulings on a play in which the same point was involved. Both plays happened at the Polo Grounds, one in an American League game, the other in a National League contest. Following were the contents of the fan's letter:

"During an American League game at the Polo Grounds, with a runner on first base, the twirler uncorked a wild pitch, the ball getting away from the catcher and striking the grandstand directly behind the plate. The runner on first attempted to go to third on the play, but was thrown out at that base on a fast recovery of the ball and a pretty throw by the catcher. Much to my surprise, the umpire sent the runner back to second base, not allowing the out.

"A week or so later I saw a National League game in the Polo Grounds, and exactly the same play came up. In this game the umpire declared the runner out, directly contrary to the ruling made by the American League official. I think I am a pretty fair student of the game, and try to keep up on the rules, but I must confess that these two contrary rulings by major league umpires have confused me very much. Will you straighten out the tangle and thereby end a lot of argument that has been caused by the two rulings on exactly the same play?"

The tangle you refer to, Mr. Fan, was caused by the entirely different version of section four of rule fifty-four now in vogue in the two major leagues. The rule states that base runner is entitled to advance a base without liability to be put out if a ball delivered by the pitcher passes the catcher and touches any fence or building within ninety feet of the home base. The American League adheres closely to the rule, and considers the ball out of play the moment it strikes the press box at the Polo Grounds, which is less than the required distance from the home plate. Base runners who are alert always try to take as many bases as possible on a wild pitch. If such a pitch does not strike the stand they have a right to make as many bases as they can take. But once that the ball strikes the stand it is out of play, and under the rules it is not possible to retire the runner at any base—that is under the American League construction. The umpire, instead of declaring the runner out at third, sent him back to second, allowing him to advance one base as granted by the rule.

In the National League if a wild pitch or passed ball strikes the press stand it entitles all runners to advance a base, and also permits them to take more than one base if they can make it. Thus, when a player tries to take more than one base in a National League game he forfeits his right to the base granted him by the rules and makes himself liable to be put out. It is an unusual construction, because it permits of a play on a ball that, under the rules, is dead or out of play. While the two decisions were exactly opposite, both umpires were right according to the version of the play in force in each league.

Which ruling would you follow in a game that you were umpiring?

HIAWATHA CARDINALS DEFEAT DUNBAR.

Baltimore, Md., January 6, 1915.—The Dunbar Athletic Association's basketball team of the city went down to defeat before the strong Hiawatha Cardinals, of Washington, in a fast game at the Fifth Regiment Armory Tuesday night by a score of 25 to 14. While the Baltimore boys did n show the speed and agility of their Washington opponents, they won the sympathy of the crowd by their plucky fight against a superior team.

The big floor of the armory gave splendid opportunity for good passing and the game was particularly characterized by long passes and open field work. Referee Baer, of the Public Athletic League of this city, must be credited with the best piece of refereeing that has been seen here in many days. He alowed nothing to escape him, and as a result the under cover work of the Washingtonians caused no less than 26 fouls to be chalked up against them—enough to win the game had the locals been able to cage them.

Toward the send of the first half there was a tendency toward roughing it on the part of the Cardinals, which met a responsive chord from the Dunbars, and only ended when Hyman was forced to retire early in the second half.

LINE-UP.

Hiawatha.		Dunbar.
Brown	lf	B. Webb
Henderson	rf	Bantum
Savoy	c	W. Webb
Lewis	rg	Wilson
Smith	lg	Dorsey

Substitutes: Hiawatha—H. Smith for Hyman; Hyman for Brown. Dunbar—Chauncey for Dorsey. Time of halves, 20 minutes. Umpire,Ross.

CORBETT MANAGER NEW WHITE HOPE.

Tacoma.—James J. Corbett, former heavyweight champion pugilist and present vaudeville star, has branched out as a fight manager. His protege is Joe Bonds, a local heavyweight, who, the former believes, is the king pin of the "white hope" crop.

WHITE INSISTS WELSH MUST MAKE 135 POUNDS FOR BOUT.

Chicago, January 10.—Unless Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, agrees to make 135 pounds at 3 o'clock, there will be no contest between the champion and Charley White at New York on January 26.

This was the ultimatum of Charley White, who yesterday learned Welsh wanted to meet the local fighter at catch weights. If Charley went through with the original agreement of 135 pounds at 3 o'clock, the Englishman would be pounds heavier when called into the ring. As Charley can make 133 pounds ringside with ease, he does not care to lose any of his prestige by giving away weight to good fighters, especially champions.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

New York.—Following his return from Cadillac, Mich., Jimmy Johnson, matchmaker for the Garden A. C., today announced he was dickering with Ad Wolgast for three New York bouts, to be staged in the near future. Johnson went to Michigan to talk with the former champion. He found him still nursing his arm, which was injured in his recent bout with Freddie Welsh. Wolgast has never given the bones a chance to knit, doctors say, but he will be all right in about a month, and in that case Ad will be offered several bouts here.

THE EUREKA AID AND ATHLETIC CLUB OF SAVANNAH, GA.

The Eureka Aid and Athletic club of Savannah, Ga., held Emancipation Proclamation exercises January 1. The souvenir program which was issued is both ingenious and unique.

The history proper of the Eureka Club would possibly reach farther back than any other club of its kind in the city now organized, but the credit of its present success has long since been given to those few loyal and faithful ones who, on September 15, 1901, organized the Eureka Aid and Athletic Club, with a total membership of twelve. From this humble beginning the club has grown to its present membership which is more than two hundred, among whom are some of our leading business and professional men. Twelve members have been the sum total of our departed ones. The club's financial strength is much to be admired, and of it, each member is exceedingly proud. A movement toward purchasing the club a home is well under way. In short, it is the Eureka that fixed the standard by which club-life and clubrooms in Savannah have been made worth-the-while.

William H. Norman is president.

RITCHIE TO COME BACK.

New York, January 8.—Willie Ritchie, former king of the lightweights, who has engaged in but one short bout since he was uncrowned by Freddie Welch, wants to get back into the spotlight. In a letter received here by Jimmy Johnston, matchmaker at the Garden, Willie declares he is getting weary of doing nothing and wants to battle with Leach Cross here, early next month.

Tales of the great wealth Freddie Welsh is piling up by barnstorming over the United States has lured the former champion. Before Welsh became champion and beat his record, Willie was known as one of our best little dollar getters. He originated the "ten thousand a battle angle,' and put it over with astonishing regularity. Welsh has proved an even better money getter.

The match with Cross next month is rather hinging on the outcome of Tuesday's joust between Cross and Young Shugrue. Should Cross make a good showing the match probably will go through.

LITTLE ARTHUR STIGALL'S DEFY.

Dayton, Ohio, January 11, 1915.

Sporting Editor Freeman—Bob Massey, who is managed by the editor of the New York Amsterdam News, New York City, and Young Joe Gans, of New Orleans, are both claiming the colored lightweight title. I have beaten the best colored boys in the game today and when training in Boston last year at Eam Langford's training camp, 183 Court street, Bowden Square, I boxed Matty Baldwin, Terry Brooks, Young Jasper, Joe Eagen.(All of these boys pronounced me a second Joe Gans and refused to fight me before the Atlas A. C., Boston, Mass. I am open to meet Gans, Massey, Leo Johnson, Jack Russell or any other colored boys in the world—$50 or more side bet.

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LOCAL.

Mr. George Stratton, of Chicago, was in the city this week.

Mr. Frank Allen has recovered from a short illness and is back on the job at Lytle's Exchange.

Miss Marion Shelton is ill at her home in California street and is under the careful attention of Dr. A. Lewis. She is expected to be fully recovered soon.

Mrs. Helen Spencer Carter returned to the city for a short time last week and has returned to Lancaster, Ky., to make final settlement of her father's estate.

The music class which Miss Flanner is instructing at the Flanner House can accommodate four more pupils. Applications should be made at the Flanner House.

Mrs. Emma D. Kelley and daughters, Misses Geraldine, Hortence, Edna and Greek, of Anderson, Ind., were the guest of their brother, Herman Davis, and wife last week.

Father Maloney, rector of St. Philip's Episcopal church, is very ill at his room at the Y. M. C. A. and most likely will not be able to preach at any of the services on next Sunday.

The ministerial department of the Trinity Bible School will hold its opening at Ebenezer church, corner North and California streets, Monday evening, February 1. The public is invited.

The Woman's Council reported to the Woman's Improvement Club that $17 had been received from the recital given at Witherspoon United Presbyterian church December 30. The money will be used to carry on the work of the fresh air camp .

Mrs. Eliza Peterson, of Texarkana, Tex., has arrived in the city to conduct a two-weeks' temperance rally. She has arranged to hold meetings at a number of the colored churches. Mrs. Peterson is the national organizer of the W. C. T. U. work among colored people.

Tickets are selling rapidly for the benefit musical and ball to be given February 15th, by Mrs. C. J. Walker, at Pythian Castle Hall. The proceeds will go toward paying for a harp for Miss Frances Spencer, a promising pupil of Mr. Montani. Mr. Anthony Montani will appear on the program.

The prayer band of the Y. W. C. A. will meet in Mme. C. J. Walker's assembly hall Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Jontz, of Chicago, Ill., the national secretary of the Central Y. W. C. A., will address the meeting. Every woman and girl is cordially invited to come out and hear her. Miss Ada Jordan will conduct the Bible study class. Total members enrolled to date 501.

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The large and enthusiastic gathering of men and women on Monday evening was very encouraging to those in charge as to the outcome of the great folk song festival to be held in April. With a very careful rehearsal of all parts toward the developing of talent and staging, the management will from time to time give to the public some very interesting facts concerning the great festival to be staged.

The men of the monster meeting will have an opportunity to hear one of the old favorites on the program (at the Monster Meeting) Sunday. Dr. Harry G. Hill, pastor of the People's church, will deliver a very interesting and instructive address to the men only Sunday afternoon. Mr. Theodore Cable, a recent graduate of Harvard, who has had considerable experience and training as a violinist, will render a special number on the program. Mr. Cable will render the masterpiece "Traumerie" at this meeting.

The orchestra will open with a thirty minute sacred concert beginning promptly at 3:00 p. m. Men throughout the city are invited to these meetings each Sunday.

Dr. E. A. Clark, pastor of Allen Chapel, will address the Boys' Meeting Sunday afternoon. This meeting is free to all boys who desire to come.

Mr. J. F. Johnson, Boys' Work Secretary, has tendered his resignation to the committee of management to take effect January 23. Mr. Johnson will be connected with a local business firm at a very early date after leaving his duties at the Association.

Dr. E. S. Dickerson delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture to the gymnasium men Wednesday evening on "Sex Diseases."

Rev. John Brice addressed the Ministerial Council which meets in the educational rooms every Wednesday, using as a subject, "The Transition of the Negro Church."

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SPIRITUALIST CHURCHES.

Madame Meadows, who holds a spiritualist church every Monday night, gave sixty-eight messages last Monday night to a house full of strangers. All were recognized, although there were many who were very hard to convince; but they later were more firmly convinced as the others present received messages from the passed out. All are welcome.

FRANK FOWLER BROWN, OF THIS CITY AND MISS JANETTE WILLIAMS, OF NEWPORT NEWS, VA., QUIETLY MARRIED MONDAY, JANUARY 4th.

Mr. Brown Was Leading Man of the Red Moon Company and is One of the Country's Best Tenor Soloists.

Mr. Frank Fowler Brown, of this city, and Miss Janette Williams, of Newport News, Va., were married Monday, January 4th, at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. L. E. Clarke, in North Capitol avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. P. Roberts, pastor of Bethel church, and in the presence of the immediate family and a few friends.

Before the ceremony several selections were played by the Hoosier Society Orchestra, of which Mr. Brown is a member. Just before the procession Mr. Noble Sissle sang "Because", and while he was singing the last verse the bridal couple made their entrance, and as they took their place between beautiful palms the last strain of the song died out and the orchestra played softly a series of appropriate selections as the minister solemnly read the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony the usual custom of congratulating was gone through with and a sumptuous repast was then served.

The bride wore a beautiful gown. It was a creation of white lace and old rose. The groom wore the usual conventional black.

Among the guests present were Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Furniss, W. E. Baugh, Mrs. Nancy Black, W. H. Fielding, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fleming, Misses Daneva Darnell, Ella Love, Mr. Harry Hill, the members of the orchestra, Russell Smith, director; Ben Hollian and wife, Adolph Greathouse and Noble Sissle.

Those of the family were the Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, parents of the groom; Charles Brown, Jr., brother and best man; Mrs. J. Brown, grandmother, and Mrs. Lewis E. Clarke and wife, brother-in-law and sister of the groom.

The couple will be at home with the parents of the groom in North West street.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

The Freeman can be had at the Alpine confectionery and cigar stand. T. T. Tutson, the manager, who assists the agent, S. B. Williams to get the news among the colored citizens. All news and advertisements left at the above place will be promptly attended to.

Horace Lewis, Frank Perryman and Howard Duffie are home for a few weeks enjoying the time with home folks and friends. But at the rate the girls are carrying on about them some won't be able to leave alone, as there will be two or three marriage licenses bought.

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Ball Players Leave for Palm Beach—Sam McVey Guest of J. M. Vance, Jr.—Brown & Johnson's Team on the Road—Panama to Re-open Soon—Three Internes at Providence Hospital—Chicagoans Fight Immigration Bill—Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Goes South Next Month.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 14.—Miss Maud J. Roberts, Chicago's sweetest soprano singer, will appear in recital Thursday, February 4, at Abraham Lincoln Center, Oakwood Boulevard and Langly avenue. Chicago is noted for its great singers and now comes a new voice from the music schools who has technique and sweetness that puts her in a class alone. Her voice is as sweet as a bell, trained to the finger tips and sings with such ease and precision that her teachers and critics claim she is a genius. Then, too, she possesses a personal enthusiasm that thrills her hearers and portrays the soulful purpose and meaning of the composer. On this occasion Miss Roberts will sing a group of songs from Mr. Herman Devries, formerly first barytone with the Metropolitan Opera Company, New York, Covent Garden, London; Grand Opera and Opera Comique, Paris, and later connected with the Chicago Musical College. She will render selections in English, French and Italian. The French group by Mr. Devries, composer, at the piano. Mr. C. Cecil Cohen, a Chicago boy who finished the musical department, Fisk University, and won a scholarship at Oberlin, will assist Miss Roberts.

Miss Roberts received her early training at Bethel church choir, under the direction of Prof. Ed Morris. Upon going to Nashville, Tenn., to finish her education, she became a soloist at Walden University and her successes there have often appeared in these columns. Miss Roberts gave up teaching in the South and decided to give her time to the artistic perfection of her voice. Mme Patti Brown persuaded her to go to her teacher, Mr. Herman Devries. Miss Roberts' success with him is evidence of the fact that she will sing a group of his compositions with Mr. Devries at the piano. The concert is expected to be an artistic success and the music lovers of this city expect a rare treat on the evening of February 4 at Lincoln Center, Oakwood Boulevard and Langly avenue.

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Ball Players Go South.

Winter season on, several ball players of the American Giants left the first of the week for the South. Those going to Palm Beach were Barber, Gans, Hill, Wade, Wallace, Frances, Lloyd and Polly Mungen. They will be there until March 1, then they leave for California. Ball season will open here about May 1.

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Sam McVey in the City.

Sam McVey is in the city, stopping at George Holt's Hotel. While here he was in company with his old friend and pal, J. M. Vance, Jr., formerly of New Orleans. He came from New York City. Mr. McVey is one of the best and cleverest fighters in the ring, and there is some talk of having a bout with Jack Johnson. He was the first man of the race to fight in Paris, France, where he was an idol. Mr. Vance has made it very pleasant for the visitor and the famous fighter expressed himself as being highly pleased with his hospitality.

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Tom Brown's Tom Boy Girls on Road.

Tom Brown's Tom Boy Girls of the team of Brown & Johnson are on the road. The first half they were out of the city and the last half are at one of the theatres on the Westside. It is reported they have fifteen girls in the company with a musical director and drummer. The company is said to be having great success.

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Dr. Booker T. Washington Here.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, principal of Tuskegee Institute, was in the city this week. He was the guest of Dr. George Cleveland Hall. A number of citizens called to see him and expressed their delight in Dr. Washington taking up the cudgel against the immigration bill that was before the House at Washington.

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Mr. Lucius Smith Returns Home.

Mr. Lucius Smith, father-in-law of Dr. Leonard Lewis, has returned to his home, Lexington, Ky. Mr. Smith was here three weeks and enjoyed his trip fine.

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Jesse Docket With States Orchestra.

In the write-up of the States Orchestra, the name of Jesse Docket, the clarionet player, was inadvertantly omitted, also the name of Miss Helen Greene, ticket seller at the States. Miss Greene is one of the sweetest girls on the "stroll" and is an attractive drawing card at this playhouse.

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Major "Bob" and Editor Turner on the Job.

Major R. R. Jackson and Editor S. B. Turner are on the job at Springfield. Editor Turner is representing the First District at the State Legislature and Major Jackson the third. Both are wideawake politicians and the destinies of the race are in good hands at the present sitting of the Forty-ninth General Assembly. Major Jackson received two votes for Speaker of the House.

Panama to Re-open Soon.

The Panama Buffet and Cafe is to have a re-opening soon. The cafe has been enlarged, tile floor laid and the walls hand painted, newly lit with bright electric lights inside and out, and it is one of the handsomest places on the Southside. The big drawing card is the string orchestra with Mr. Smith, the phenominal bass singer and bass violin player. Last Sunday night there was standing room only.

Editor Trotter Returns East.

Editor Monroe Trotter, of the Boston Guardian, has returned to Boston, Mass. While here he delivered a number of speeches and in appreciation of his work was given a neat sum to further the cause which he is vitally interested in..

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Three Internes for Provident.

Drs. Laurie Allen, John H. Brown and Count J. Teffner are the three internes at Provident Hospital. Dr. Allen is from the Northwestern, Brown, University of Vermont, and Howard and Teffner, Meharry. They are said to be three of the best informed men the hosptal has had for a number of years. Dr. Teffner passed three state boards; one Texas, taking second highest mark, a state which is doubly hard on colored men.

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JUST WAITING.

Everybody is just waiting for the Elite No. 2 to open. The opening will be a gala day.

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Louis B. Anderson, the People's Choice

Attorney Louis B. Anderson still seems to be the people's choice for alderman for the Second Ward. The voters of the Second Ward are fast awakening to a sense of realization that the coveted goal of placing a number of the colored race in the city council is at hand. In order to do so they are uniting on Mr. Anderson and claim he is the only man that can bring victory. A process of illimination is being carried on by the Chicago Defender by means of a straw ballot. The one securing the highest number of votes will be the man that paper will support. The idea is to get the sentiment of the people as to who is the most popular man in the wards.

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Chicagoans Fight Immigiration Bill.

The immigration bill that was up before Congress last week was bitterly fought by leaders of the race in this city. Telegrams were sent to all the Congressmen from Illinois urging they oppose the Reed Amendment. Among those taking an active interest in the fight were the Chicago Defender, Dr. George C. Hall, W. H. Terrell, Oscar DePriest, Louis B. Anderson and Booker T. Washington. A letter opposing the bill appeared in the Tribune by Dr. Washington.

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Ed Rodgers With the Panama Since Opening.

Edward Rodgers, the expert mixologist, has been with the Panama since its opening Christmas Day, one year ago. He sold the first drink over the bar. He had charge of Jack Johnson's service bar.. "Ed," as he is well and favorably known, brings many patrons to the Panama.

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Dancing at the Chateau.

The Chateau Cafe, 35th and Grand Boulevard, has the distinction of being the only cafe on the Southside to have dancing. In view of the fact that dancing is allowed in cafes downtown, Dr. Harry Boger, the proprietor, has dancing at his place. Last Sunday night, it is reported, that quite a few enjoyed the terpsochorean art and enjoyed the delicious dinners and wines served there.

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Dr. Daniel Hale Williams.

Dr. Daniel Hale Willams, the eminent surgeon, will leave next month for his annual trip to Meharry Medal College to operate at the Hubbard Hospital. For years Dr. Williams has been making this trip and the faculty and students and nurses look eagerly toward this event. Dr. Williams operates daily at St. Luke's Hospital on Michigan avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fitts at the Plaza.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitts, of New York City, are in Chicago often and stop at Wilson Plaza House, 3533 Wabash avenue. Both are very delightful and their stay in Chicago is always enjoyable, while at the same time they believe in receiving as much of the world's goods as possible.

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"Bert" Williams Goes to Cleveland.

"Bert" Williams and the Follies left Sunday night for Cleveland, Ohio. The company had six weeks here with packed houses nightly.

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Mrs. H. S. Smith to Visit Daughter.

Mrs. H. S. Smith contemplates visiting her daughter, Miss Mable Smith, stenographer for the Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Mrs. Cynthia Pearce Called to Her Reward.

(By Z. L. Breedlove.)

Mrs. Cynthia Pearce, passed away at her home, 1303 West Stoughton street, Urbana, at 11:15 o'clock Sunday night, after an eight-weeks' illness from cancer of the stomach. Cynthia Allen was born in Tennessee in February, 1859. She was a daughter of John and Louisa Allen. She came to Urbana twenty years ago. In 1901 she was married at Urbana to A. E. Pearce. Besides her husband and a son by a former marriage, William Person, of Chicago, the following sisters and brothers survive: Mrs. Sarah Pope, of Champaign; Mrs. C. S. Jones, of Logansport, Ind.; Essex Allen, of Urbana, and Burt Allen, whose whereabouts are unknown. There are also two grandchildren. The deceased was a working member of Bethel A. M. E. church and of the Eastern Star and the Household of Ruth. She was a leader of class No. 7 in the church. The funeral was held at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon from Bethel church, Rev. G. W. Jones officiating. The remains were taken to Homer for interment. .. A. M. E. church quarterly meeting was held at this church Sunday morning and evening, sermons being delivered by Rev. A. T. Jackson, presiding elder. Communion was celebrated at both services. Sunday school had an unusually large attendance. .. Salem Baptist: "The Gospel Trumpet" was the subject of the sermon of Rev. J. M. Owens, preached in the morning. In the evening he spoke on "wisdom." Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 had large attendance. .. The Freeman, the leading journal of the race, is on sale at 520 North Hickory street.

CALVERT, TEX.

The A. G. Allen Minstrels played to a packed house in Calvert on the 4th and 5th, giving two performances. The band made quite a hit with the "Florida Blues." After each show the company was entertained at Mrs. V. A. Brown's cafe and grocers's department. They left with return date, meeting one of their old friends, E. R. Loftis, trap drummer from the Alabama Minstrels, who has been drummer three seasons. .. When in Calvert, Tevas, don't forget to visit Mrs. V. A. Brown's cafe.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Edward Carr, who had his foot mashed last week, is still in the City Hospital and is getting along nicely... Mr. Bias, of 357 McKinney street, is laid up with an ulcerated toe. .. Mrs. Sarah Roberts, of 745 West Federal street, is able to be out after a short illness. .. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyles entertained at dinner New Year's day the following out of town guests: Dr. U. R. Wilson, Mr. A. J. Wray, of Pittsburg, and Miss Ethel Payton, of Franklin, Pa. Mr. Roscoe Payton, of Olean, N. Y., spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyles. .. There will be a "hard-time" ball at the Elks' Hall, 269 1-2 West Federal street, Wednesday evening, January 27. First prize, half ton of coal; second prize, two dollars worth of groceries. The ladies orchestra will furnish the music. .. The Buckeye Lodge of Elks No. 73 met in their hall Thursday evening. G. M. Fagan, Past E. R., installed the following officers: C. U. Murry, E. R.; John Clask, E. L.; Knight; T. B. Robinson, E. L. Knight; Emit Carser, E. T. Knight; C. E. Stery, secretary; Archie Thomas, treasurer; trustees, Harry Eavin, Wm. Honesty, J. H. Bobson, John James and J. H. Moore; house committee, J. R. Holmes, John Gales and Chas. Smith. After which the members assembled in the banquet hall and partook of roast pig and rabbit and corn bread. Committee on spread, Wm. Honesty, J. H. Bobson, Wm. Saunders. G. M. Fagan acted as toastmaster. Baby Jim and Hupe were honored guests. Addresses were made by H. Johnson, of Trenton, N. J. Lodge; G. W. Glemm, Iron City Lodge, Pittsburg, Pa., and Baby Jim gave some remarks in behalf of the order, and a few remarks from the exalted ruler and members. The lodge will hold their annual reception in Excelsior Parlors, Thursday evening, March 11th. Boyles' full orchestra will furnish the music. .. The Frontenac Club entertained 70 members and friends at their club rooms Wednesday evening, January 6. An excellent program was rendered. Prof. Clarence Scrogins, pianist; Dr. W. M. White, delivered welcome address; John Epsy acted as toastmaster. A sumptuous repast was prepared by Wm. Ridout. .. Miss Sylvia White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo White, 420 West Federal street, has returned after a visit with relatives in Union, Pa. .. Chas. E. Coleman, our recent pictorial painter and decorator, has entered vaudeville, showing first half of this week at the Princess Theatre. He is exhibiting rapid sketching.

IN OLD PADUKE.

Commission Government Guides The "Indian City"—Dr. W. H. Nelson Appointed Assistant City Physician. Entre Nous Royally Entertained at Odd Fellow's Hall.

(By J. J. Amos, 1063 North 7th St.) Special to The Freeman.

PADUCAH, Ky., Jan. 14.—Sunday night, about mid-darkness, Paducah began life under her first commission government. Monday afternoon, January 4, in the former council chamber of the city hall, the first official body of the city commissioners held its first meeting and was organized with heads to the various departments. Commissioners: Frank Burns, Don P. Marton, Z. A. Washington, George C. Wallace, and Mayor Thomas Hazelip. Very glad are we citizens to know that the new administration of the new form of government has recognized the ability and efficiency of one of our tax payers of color. During 1914, Dr. Van J. Davis was our appointed city physician, now Dr. W. H. Nelson is performing his duties as an assistant city physician to Dr. W. T. Graves, city physician. To the writer's knowledge Dr. W. H. Nelson is the only colored man to receive so important an appointment by the commissioners. Dr. Nelson is a well liked citizen. He spends a part of his busy moments each week reading the Freeman.

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Tuesday night, January 5, the Entre Nous Club and associated friends gave a royal reception at the Odd Fellow's Hall. The interior decorations consisted of red, white and orange colors.

Mr. Felix Bowles, the real coming mixer, was boss of a little corner apartment, called "Virginia Springs." Through a special plan, somewhat on the order of a viaduct, Mr. Bowles was able to furnish, from this Virginia Springs, a delightful drink. Some of the guests who were well upon the aqua question styled it "Kentucky Punch." This thirst quencher was freely and frequently given the Entre Nous guests, before, during, and after each orchestral rendition.

Thomas and McClure's Orchestra echoed quite a few late and classy numbers. Vocal solos and ensemble music was extensively heard.

Gowns of exceptional beauty and style were seen from every angle. Males were full dressed.

Prof. F. C. Marable, the noted calliopist, and his wife, have left the city for New Orleans. "Fate" is a renowned musician and usually takes an active part in the February festivals of French City.

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OSWEGO, N. Y.

Mr. Thomas Carr and wife returned home a few days ago.

Miss Margaret Mahoney, of Washington, D. C., is stationed here at Fort Ontario. She is a trained nurse and will work at her profession while here.

Mr. Thomas Franklin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was in town looking up his old friends.

Mrs. Jackson, of 113 East Seneca street, had a card party on Friday night, Jan. 8th. It was well attended. Truman and Carr took all honors.

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